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ACQUITTED WIFE GOES TO CONVENT

"Playing With Gun, Shot Man I Loved"

Hawthhead, Lancashire, Jan. 7.

Following her acquittal here to-day, beautiful 29-year-old Mrs. Mary Evelyn Dillon, wife of an army officer, who unwittingly shot dead her lover in a Windermere boathouse-bungalow on Christmas day, is, I learn to-night, staying in a convent, says a correspondent.

There she intends to stay for the next few days until she can decide on her future.

Her husband, Major T. A. Dillon, of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment—who, just back from Malta, stood surety for her when she was first charged—is remaining in Bolton.

He was not in court to-day when the Hawthhead magistrates took three minutes to find her Not Guilty of feloniously killing her companion in the boathouse, John Smith, aged 26, of Culcheth, Warrington, brother-in-law of the late Sir George Holden, the cotton magnate.

"I MUST HAVE TIME" "It should be made clear," said Mr. H. J. Parham, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, "that not only are the prosecution unable to disprove the story that Mrs. Dillon has told, but also the circumstantial evidence completely confirms it." Mrs. Dillon heard the decision with a trembling smile, and then hurried from the court to a private room.

"I am very relieved it is all over," she told me. "Of my future plans I can say nothing; I must have time to think."

"All I can say now is that I am very grateful for all the kindness and consideration I have received since the tragedy."

While Mrs. Dillon rested crowds waited outside to see her leave. A woman was escorted from the court, "smuggled" into a car and driven away, covered by a rug.

But it was not Mrs. Dillon. She drove away an hour later. Her father, who lives at Holme Slack, Preston, told me to-night: "I knew this everything would be cleared up. I have profound faith in her. My wife is away with her and is trying to help her to forget this terrible business."

"They are not coming back to Preston. All I care about is the fact that her name is cleared."

Although 100 people were packed in the tiny village court, there was not a sound as Mrs. Dillon walked

slowly in. She wore a simple blue hat pulled well down on one side of her pale face, and a smart swaggy camel-hair coat over her blue dress. As she walked to her seat behind her counsel, Mr. W. G. Morris, she took a quick glance at the table containing the "exhibits." She shuddered almost imperceptibly and turned her eyes away.

As the case went on she closed her eyes and hung her head. Then her glance strayed back to the table with its grim reminders of the party at which it was stated she had been "so happy."

There was a book on motor-boat racing by Sir Malcolm Campbell—Smith was keen on the sport—a bottle of wine, a syphon of soda, an oil lamp which lit the picturesque old boathouse. Propped against the table was a double-barrelled gun which belonged to Smith.

Mr. Parham said that Smith was joint-tenant of the boathouse bungalow, and Mrs. Dillon and Smith were there alone.

At 1.30 a.m. Mrs. Dillon ran to the house of a caretaker and said Smith was dead. She made a number of statements, telling how Smith asked her to fire his gun at the ceiling.

She did so, and he pointed the end of the gun towards himself and asked her to fire it.

Not knowing it was loaded, Mrs. Dillon did so and Smith fell back shot.

Running, shoeless, to neighbours, she cried: "I loved him so, I loved him so."

Detective Chief Inspector James Duncan, a finger-print expert from Preston, said that finger-prints on the gun proved that Smith was holding the barrel towards him.

Through most of the hearing Mrs. Dillon had stared straight before her. At this stage she turned away and looked through the court windows.

Mrs. Dillon was employed in Preston when she met her husband about ten years ago.

They were married at St. Gregory's Roman Catholic Church, Preston. Mrs. Dillon went with her husband to India. Later she returned to Preston and took a poultry business.

She and Major Dillon have one child, a son.



Examining textiles is interesting to almost any woman, and Mrs. Neville Chamberlain, wife of Britain's Prime Minister, found it a pleasant task when she visited the Exposition of Italian Textiles, as indicated by the sign, in Rome. She is at left with friends and an Italian escort.

EX-COLONEL'S WIFE IN JAIL BLUNDER

Wrong Man's Record Sent To Her

London, Jan. 19.

THE governor of Pentonville will be asked by the wife of an imprisoned man for an explanation of one of the strangest jail blunders of recent times.

Early in the week the thirty-four-year-old wife of ex-Colonel James Christie, who is serving a sentence of twelve months for fraud, wrote to the governor for information about his release.

Instead of the reply she expected Mrs. Christie was sent the criminal record and full particulars of another prisoner, serving six months' hard labour for stealing.

Ex-Colonel Christie will be liberated in a few weeks. The date given on the document for the other prisoner's release is about three

months later. There is no similarity in the names.

Mrs. Christie lives in a large house in Hampstead; the other prisoner's record shows that at the time he was convicted he had no fixed abode and that he was an Army reservist.

Mrs. Christie is going to see the governor to-day. She is distressed that the information she asked about her husband may have been sent to somebody else.

HAS SEEN HIM ONCE

She has seen him only once since he was convicted in April. That was while he was in the hospital ward. He asked her not to meet him while he was serving his sentence, to spare her the ordeal of seeing him in prison clothes.

When ex-Colonel Christie is set at liberty he will accompany his wife to the south of France. Mrs. Christie intends to open a beauty parlour in St. James's, S.W., with the help of a woman friend.

While her husband has been in Pentonville he has had five visits from Chinese officials. He told a fellow-prisoner who was released a few days ago that he intended to arrange for a consignment of arms at present held up in Hamburg to reach China.

He hopes then to go to China himself. He was formerly a Chinese general—to take arms with the Government forces.

14 Rajahs Hosts To Society Caravan

The most luxurious big-game hunting tour ever planned will be undertaken by a party of 20 sportsmen who left Britain for India recently.

Fourteen rajahs and maharajahs will entertain the big-game hunters in the course of their tour.

Rosita Forbes, explorer and author, will be social hostess to the party.

The guests will have to pay only travelling expenses—liner to India, special trains, aeroplanes, fleets of motor-cars. And the travelling expenses will cost each of the party 750 guineas.

In the party will be Sir Keith and Lady Fraser, Sir Orme and Lady Clarke, Lord Sempill, Sir Herbert and Lady Cayzer, and Mr. Richard Fairley. There will also be one or two Frenchmen.

"I shall be guide, philosopher, and friend to the party," Miss Forbes (Mrs. Arthur McGrath) told the Sunday Chronicle.

TIGER HUNT THRILL

All the glamour of India will be laid at their feet. But there will be adventure and danger as well as luxury.

One of the highlights of the tour will be shooting tigers with 60 royal elephants in Cooh Behur.

The party will also go tiger shooting in the forbidden land of Nepal, where few people are allowed to go.

One of the unforgettable spectacles for the party will be a "killed-dah"—a round-up of wild elephants in Mysore.

On trips into the jungle, members of the party will live in shooting camps representing a city of canvas. Each camp contains a bedroom, sitting-room, bathroom, verandah, and a miniature garden.

Babies Lose Their Names In The Wash

Nine babies may be growing up to be somebody else, according to the Rev. J. W. Wilkinson, one of Erith's representatives on the Dartford Public Assistance Committee.

He told a Belvedere audience that these nine babies were brought to the Poor Law Institution from an institution in another part of the county.

Tied to the leg of each one was a label with the name and other particulars of identification.

On arrival the babies were crying lustily. They were fed and put into clean clothing.

In the process the labels became detached and, in consequence, no one knew which baby was which.

Endeavours were made to sort them, said Mr. Wilkinson, and he hoped they had succeeded.

"The babies were being brought from Chatham," the Dartford relieving officer said. "When they arrived at Dartford their clothing was changed."

"Some of the labels attached to their ankles fell off and their identities were mixed up."

"We had to send for somebody from Chatham to identify the children."

"The babies were between four years and five months."

Mr. Wilkinson assured the News Chronicle that "the tangle was sorted out satisfactorily in the end—that is, as far as anyone can tell."

EMPIRE AIR SERVICE

Sydney. Mr. H. V. C. Thorby, Minister for Defence, stung by allegations of Governmental procrastination, has given a definite assurance that temporary bases will be ready in April for the Empire flying-boat service between Britain and Australia.

Capt. J. W. Burgess, chief pilot of the flying-boat Centaurus, on arrival at Port Darwin, Northern Territory, said that the available temporary bases between there and Singapore were satisfactory enough for an immediate extension of the service to Port Darwin. The Cabinet has still not faced the problem of coming into line with Britain by carrying the air mail to London at ordinary postage rates.

Gondoliers In Venice Need Skates To-day

Rome. The canals and lagoons of Venice are freezing hard as the cold spell continues throughout Italy.

A tug had to act as ice-breaker last night to rescue two barge hands who were trapped on board their vessel when it was jammed in the ice.

Snow has fallen heavily in Sicily, and lies on the slopes of Mount Etna for the first time for many years.

In Northern Italy, near Bergamo, the Brenno current has frozen, forming a column of ice over 120ft. high.

Near Novara, four motorists had an astonishing escape from death.

Their car skidded on a bead of an ice-covered mountain road, went over the edge of a precipice, and fell 60ft., right side up into the top of a tall tree whose

branches were strong enough to stop the fall of the car and hold it and its passengers about 30ft. from the ground.

For two hours the passengers remained in the car not daring to move for fear that they would crash to the ground.

Finally, farmers arrived with ropes and ladders and succeeded in bringing them to the ground in safety.

Dont's For Doctors And Their Patients

WHEN you go to a doctor:— DON'T tell him what Dr. So-and-So said about you, especially if he was foreign. DON'T show him all your old X-ray negatives. DON'T expect him to be interested in all your former reports.

This advice is given by one of the King's physicians, Sir Maurice Cassidy, in The Lancet.

He says that three out of every ten patients brought to him in consultation suffer purely from "nerves." But they do not now get as angry as they used to when told this.

A few still think it something to be ashamed of. It is fashionable to-day to consult foreign doctors.

Sir Maurice believes this to be a survival of witchcraft.

He also has a word to say to doctors.

They will not succeed, he says, until they can make every patient leave them looking ten years younger.

They should have themselves at least one acute and one chronic illness, as well as major operation.

THEY CAN'T TAKE IT

Here are some more "don'ts":—"Never go into a patient's room with your overcoat on. However overworked and pressed you may be, don't let him sense it."

"Never sit on a patient's bed."

"For heaven's sake, don't idly turn the pages of his newspaper while he pours out his tale of woe."

Sir Maurice agrees that doctors make the most difficult patients. But they suffer more because they always suspect the worst.

HITLER PLANS NEW PLEBISCITE

Hitler is to hold a plebiscite early this spring to try to prove to the world Germany's need for the return of her former colonies.

In previous plebiscites Hitler has asked Germany to answer only one question: "Do you agree or not?"

At the next plebiscite he will ask for support on five questions:—

Reclaiming of colonies; The Four Year Plan; Further armament;

Religious controversies. As the Nazi Government is certain of an almost unanimous "yes" on all questions, a strong drive for colonies is being prepared.

USING THE RESULTS

Immediately after the plebiscite colonial exhibitions, meetings and lectures will be held to make the German people "colony-conscious."

The results of the plebiscite will be used by the Government to prove to Britain and France the immense public desire for colonies.

It is also expected that the "do-or-die" men of the secret anti-Hitler party will try to mobilise a large number of people to spoil the plebiscite voting papers.

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Norma Shearer Happy Again

Hollywood.

Norma Shearer, who said when her husband, Irving Thalberg, the film producer, died in September last year that she could never work again, goes before the cameras next week to star in "Marie Antoinette."

And she is excited and happy about it.

"It seems," she said, "that I had to wait a long time before I felt I could work again in pictures, but now I have again I realise how very much I have missed them."

"I believe, I am doing the thing I should do—something that everyone wishes me to do."

"Playing the role of Marie Antoinette is something I have often discussed, because it is a role I have always coveted. I feel I am keeping myself with my old self and that it will reunite us and submerge us in the work we loved so well."

Tyrone Power is playing the part of Count Axel de Fersen, the romantic lead; it is the biggest of his career. Sidney Franklin is the director and Hans Stromberg the producer. The cast includes Robert Morley (as Louis XVI), Peter Bull, Maurice O'Sullivan, Cora Witherspoon, and Henry Stephenson.

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New York, Feb. 16.
S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

The Street continues its waiting attitude, pending clarification of the Washington situation. The day's most favorable item was the American Telephone quarterly dividend of 2-1/4, which, however, had already been anticipated and discounted. Europeans continued to sell the Dollar on foreign reports of further United States devaluation. Youngstown steel operations are reported to be at twenty-nine per cent. of capacity. It is expected that the impending announcement on steel prices will clarify the uncertain situation in the Trade. It is anticipated that a Chrysler dividend is impending. Economists contend that the market has probably reached the low levels for the current recession.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: Narrow movements continue and the volume of business is thin, but the market shows a firm undertone. Oils Elevator paid a 10-cent dividend, as against 60 cents for the preceding quarter. Libbey-Owen-Ford's 25 cent dividend compares with the \$1 dividend of the previous quarter.

Cotton: There has been a slight response to the President's remarks that commodity prices are too low, but a further statement on Friday is awaited with interest. A decided change in the Administration's attitude towards business is believed to be necessary to any material improvement. Inflation ink continues. The textile market is quiet.

Wheat: Free offerings from Australia and Russia and a marked improvement in the South-West drought situation caused early eagerness. Later, prices advanced on short-covering due to uneasiness regarding political developments in Central Europe. Exports to-day totalled 300,000 bushels.

Corn: This market follows wheat. The country movement is increasing. Exports to-day totalled 200,000 bushels.

Rubber: Broadening of speculative demand on inflation implications and the tightness of the shipment market were to-day's features. Japan was reported to be a buyer at Singapore. January consumption totalled 29,429 tons, stocks were 269,078 tons, rubber afloat for January amounted to 57,536 tons, while imports for the same month totalled 42,135 tons.

Sugar: The market is stagnant, but prices are steady.

Dow Jones Averages Feb. 15. Close
30 Industrials 124.93 124.90
20 Rails 29.84 28.71
20 Utilities 18.90 18.92
40 Bonds 81.11 81.10
11 Commodity Index 53.95 mutilated

U. S. COMMODITY PRICES**LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS**

New York, Feb. 16.
The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuters:

New York Cotton		
March	Opening	Closing
May	8.80/81	8.79/80
July	8.85/85	8.84/84
Oct.	9.00/00	9.04/04
Dec.	9.08/07	9.05/05
Jan.	9.10/10	9.07/10
Spot		8.89

The First Notice Day for March Cotton is Feb. 23 with Delivery date March 1.

New York Rubber		
March	14.02/02	14.02/02
May	14.00/00	15.10/10
July	15.02/02	15.20/20
Sept.	15.14/15	15.30/30
Dec.		15.45 N
Jan.		15.50 N

Sales for the day—4,020 tons.

Chicago Wheat		
May	013/014	027/03
July	074/07	081/08
Sept.		088/08

Tuesday's Sales—31,666,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn		
May	58 3/4/58 3/4	59 1/4/59 1/4
July	59 3/4/59 3/4	60 3/4/60 3/4
Sept.		61 1/4/61 1/4

Winnipeg Wheat		
May	125 1/4/124 3/4	126 1/4/126 1/4
July		117 3/4/117 3/4
Oct.		07 3/4/07 3/4

EXCHANGE RATES

	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.
Paris	152.27/32	152.67/64
Geneva	21.60 1/4	21.80
Berlin	12.41 1/4	12.42
Athens	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan	95 1/2	95 1/2
Oslo	19.60	19.60
Copenhagen	22.42	22.42
Stockholm	19.40	19.40
Helsingfors	22 1/2	22 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York	5.02 1/2	5.03 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	0.97	0.97
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	142 1/2	142 1/2
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1/3	1/3
Bombay	1/6 1/4	1/6 1/4
Montreal	5.02 3/4	5.03 1/2
Brussels	20.57 1/2	20.57 1/2
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	077 1/2	077 1/2
Ducharest	21 1/2	21 1/2
Montevideo	227/32	227/32
Rio de Janeiro	20 1/2	20 1/2
Silver (spot)	19 1/2	19 1/2
Silver (forward)	19 1/2	19 1/2
War Loan	103 1/2	103 1/2

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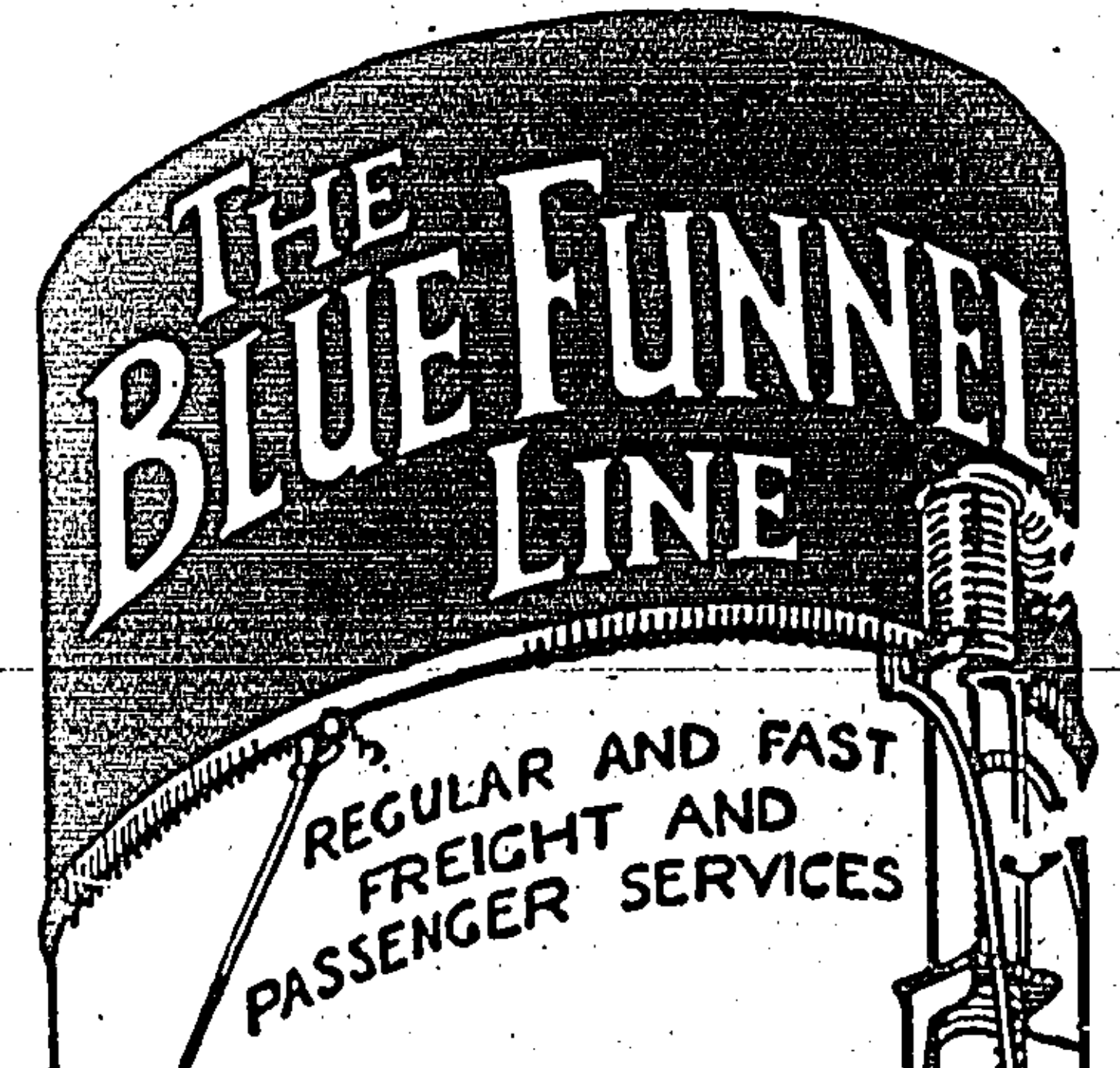
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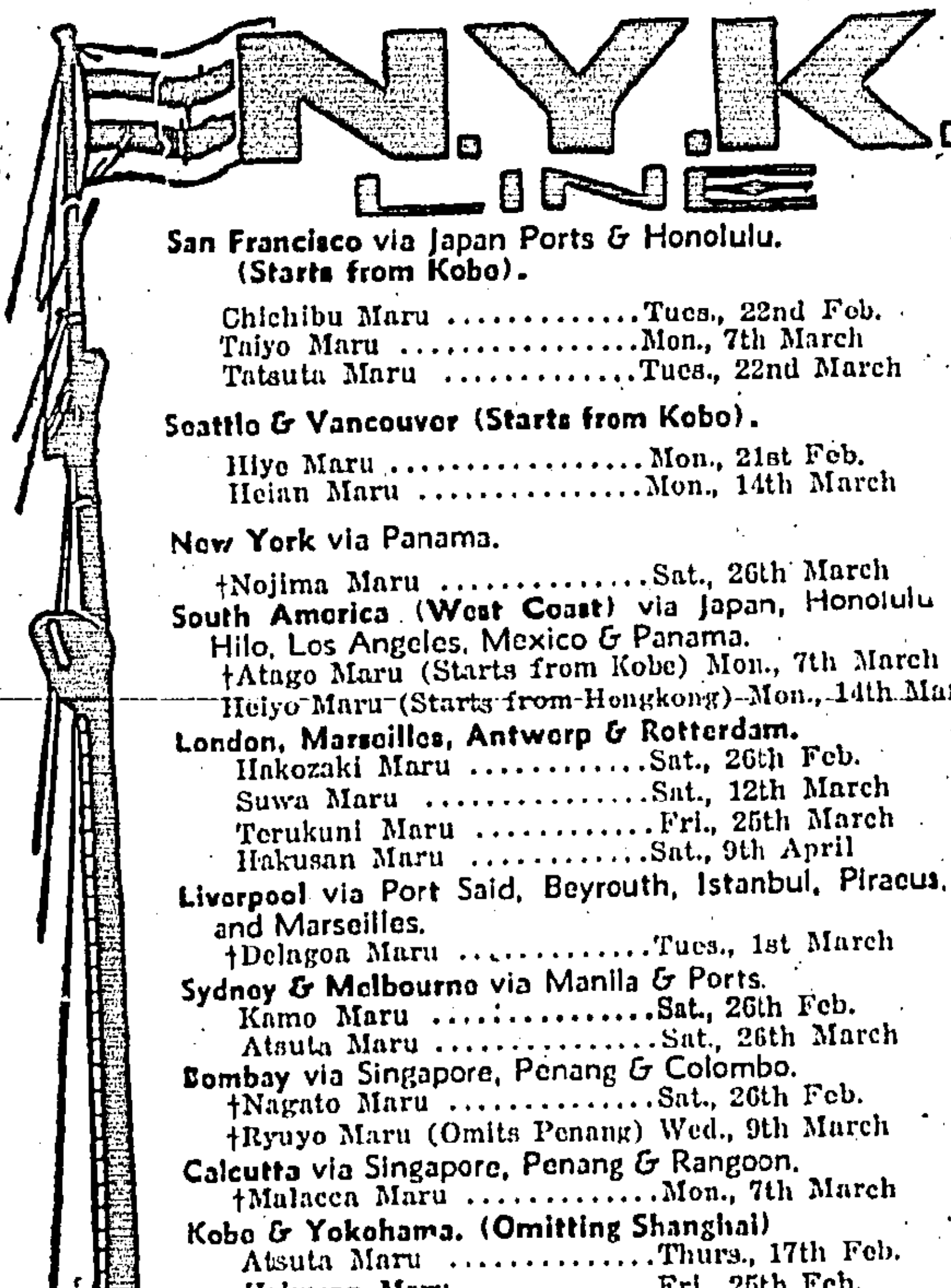
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Heian Maru Mon, 14th March

New York via Panama.

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Britain To Combat Propaganda

Seeks to Spread News and Views Around World

London, Feb. 16. The lack of British news going abroad was drawn to the attention of the House of Commons to-night by Mr. John Lees-Jones, Union member for Manchester, who moved a resolution asking the Government to give its full weight or moral and financial support to schemes to further the wider and more effective presentation of British news and views and culture overseas.

Mr. Lees-Jones argued that world conditions had changed owing to the replacement of democratic governments by dictatorships and the creation of ministries of propaganda and subsidised and controlled news services had either entirely suppressed British views or perverted their meaning to give an entirely erroneous impression of British opinion. Lieut.-Commander Reginald Fletcher, R.N. (Retired), Labourite, urged that in order to compete with foreign news agencies, British agencies would have to have access to cheap radio transmission or cheap cable rates, comparable to charges for radio transmission in other countries. The news services operating in the Far East at this moment could not possibly compete if they were not subsidised; and some of them were deliberately used to damage British interests in that area, he said.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher added that it was only *Reuters*' reputation for reliability and impartiality, and political and financial independence which prevented the final disappearance of British-handled news from the Far East. There could not go on indefinitely, and if British news was not to be ousted from the Far East the Government must find a way of sending the news service just as comprehensively and just as cheaply as other foreign services.

Must Avoid Error

Moreover, this had to be done without importing into British news services those defects which are so often associated with Government subsidised services. He believed, said Lieut.-Commander Fletcher, that this could be accomplished if the problem were to be tackled, because even during the Great War *Reuters*' service maintained its reputation for impartiality.

Lord Winterton, speaking for the Government, said the House should bear in mind the very proper limitations imposed by the British democratic constitution which prevented anything like censorship of news and a traditional reputation for fairness and moderation in statement, which had always been a bulwark of British prestige abroad.

Competition Considered

Dealing with the question of telegraphed news from Great Britain which was subject to increasing competition from big foreign telegraph agencies, Lord Winterton said the problem would receive consideration by the Cabinet Committee dealing with the matter.

Broadly speaking, the object of the Committee was to consider the supply of British news to the world and its adequacy. The Committee was not likely to be able to complete its labour for two or three months. It was difficult, until the Committee reported, to say anything further on the subject.

Replying to criticisms from abroad regarding the establishment of the Van Sittart Committee, Lord Winterton assured the House that the object was to instruct the country not to hide its light under a bushel. There was much to reveal that might be useful to those who had not been accustomed to look under a bushel, he added.

Motion Amended, Carried

Mr. Lees-Jones' motion was amended and carried unanimously in the following terms:

"That having regard to the increasing activities of certain foreign governments in the field of propaganda, political and cultural, by means of press news, broadsheeting and films, this House, being of the opinion that evil effects of state propaganda of tendentious or misleading character can best be countered not by retaliation but by widespread dissemination of news based on enlightenment and honest public policy, urges the Government to give the full weight of its moral and financial support to schemes to further the wider and more effective presentation of news, views and culture abroad."—*Reuter*.

BRITISH TRADE DELEGATION

Washington, Feb. 16. The trade negotiations between Great Britain and the United States, which began as soon as the British experts arrived in Washington, are expected to be completed by late spring. The British delegation, which sailed from Southampton to-day, includes representatives of the Dominions Office, and of the Fisheries, Agriculture and other Departments affected by the negotiations.—*Reuter*.

KWANGSI TROOPS OUTWIT JAPANESE

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and conditions are quiet, according to a foreigner who has just completed a motor trip from Taingtao to Hanchow.

Chinese military leaders here believe the Japanese will not move along the Peiping-Hankow railway and won't attack Chengchow until they are able to bring supplies, armament and reinforcements along the Tientsin-Pukow railway. Then it will be possible to launch a simultaneous drive.

Trying To Join Lines

The Japanese are doing their utmost to join the two ends of their Tientsin-Pukow railway lines. First they knew the Chinese units had been withdrawn from the Peiping-Hankow line and sent to guard the Lungai line, and they started a feint at the Peiping-Hankow line in an attempt to bring the Chinese back again. But the Chinese did not take the bait.

I asked headquarters here why the Japanese bombed Chengchow and the Yellow River bridge, as it seemed senseless if they wished to advance, and I got the answer: "Who knows. They have no plans."—*United Press*.

Hankow, Feb. 16.

Chinese reports state that China troops have recaptured Mingkwang, on the southern Tsinpu line.—*United Press*.

Situation Improves

Hankow, Feb. 16.

The Chinese authorities are convinced, after an anxious week, that the military situation has taken a turn for the better.

They have now consolidated their positions on the Tientsin-Pukow and Peiping-Hankow railway fronts, where the Japanese launched simultaneous drives.

The sudden Japanese advance southward along the Peiping-Hankow railway causes little anxiety while crack Central Government forces are defending well-prepared positions in the neighbourhood of the Yellow River.

"If the Japanese attempt to cross the river it will cost them dearly," a military spokesman said to-day.—*Reuter*.

Invaders Checked

Hankow, Feb. 17.

The Chinese forces have finally succeeded in consolidating their positions, according to Chinese reports from the Tientsin-Pukow railway and Hankow railway fronts, and the military authorities now express themselves as confident in the belief that the situation is taking a turn for the better for the Chinese armies.

This development follows an anxious week during which Japanese troops on both fronts launched simultaneous drives upon the Chinese positions.

In the Tientsin-Pukow railway section—the Japanese forces had threatened and on the Peiping-Hankow railway they had menaced Chengchow and Kaitung. But Chinese military officers are not alarmed by the sudden Japanese thrust south along the Peiping-Hankow line, pointing out that the Chinese positions in that direction and around Changteh represented a salient vulnerable to attack.

The positions north of Weiwei are defended by irregulars, including former Manchurian troops commanded by General Wan Fu-lin and the 20th Army commanded by General Sung Chai-yuan.

Crack Troops In Line

The crack Central Government troops are defending well prepared positions in the vicinity of the Yellow River, those crossing, it is ever attempted by the Japanese, will prove expensive for them. Chinese officers further emphasise that although Japanese troops have reached Changyuan and Fengchi, only 30 miles from the river, they would find it most difficult to cross in order to attack Kaitung, capital of Honan and important point on the Lungai railway.

Anticipating such a move by the Japanese, the Chinese command long ago stationed strong detachments to guard the southern bank of the Yellow River and the vicinity of Kaitung.

Meanwhile the Japanese advance northward on the Tientsin-Pukow railway from Pengpu to Hsuehchow is meeting with difficulties and the Chinese are launching a strong counter-offensive at Kuoehou, south of Kwanyuan and south-west of Pengyung. The Japanese are said to have withdrawn part of their troops from the north bank of the Hwai River to the south bank in order to check the Chinese advance. It is also reported that another column of Chinese troops is at present attacking Mingkwang, north of Pengpu.—*Reuter*.

Chinese Counter-Attack

Hsuehchow, Feb. 16.

Chinese units in the southern Tientsin-Pukow railway sector, have started a dizzy whirl of counter-attacks to-day, moving on the railway from Hsuehchow twenty-five miles north of Pengpu.

The Japanese are at present holding Taoluo, ten miles north of Pengpu. Soldiers of the Chinese regular army have been reorganized into mobile units, which are adding tactics against the Japanese positions constantly harassing them in Tingsyuan, Pengyang and further south.—*United Press*.

LOYALIST OFFENSIVES IN SPAIN

CLAIM SUCCESSES IN THREE SECTORS

Hendaye, Feb. 16.

A Government communique states that the Loyalists launched successful offensives on three sectors.

On the Aragon sector they captured Alcala, taking 150 prisoners, while further south in the Viveldorio sector they claim to have taken Piedrahita and three hills south-west of Teruel.

Insurgents, however, claim to have repulsed the Government forces in the Viveldorio sector.—*United Press*.

UNFAIR "NEUTRALITY"

New York, Feb. 16.

Sixty prominent people, including Henry L. Stimson, the former Secretary of State, have petitioned President Roosevelt, requesting an amendment of the Neutrality Act to make it inapplicable to Spain.

The petition states that such an amendment would be founded on well recognised principles of international law and would be strictly in accordance with historic American foreign policy.

The Neutrality Act as it stands, asserts the petitioners, aids the insurgents because it has deprived the Government of internationally lawful aid.—*United Press*.

POPE INTERCEDES?

London, Feb. 16.

Diplomatic circles report that His Holiness the Pope, following suggestions from influential French Catholic groups, has forwarded a letter to General Franco regarding the bombing of civilians in Spain. The report is at present unconfirmed.—*United Press*.

AUSTRIAN CABINET RESHUFFLE

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the German nation and Austrian Fatherland."—*Reuter*.

BERLIN VISIT

Vienna, Feb. 16.

It is authoritatively learned that Dr. Seyssingh departed by train for Berlin at 7.30 p.m. Herr Tawes, the Secretary General of the Austrian Nazi organisation, who was released from prison under the amnesty to-night, has been conducted to the German frontier.—*Reuter*.

BRITAIN WATCHES EVENTS

London, Feb. 16.

The reconstruction of the Austrian Cabinet was raised in the House of Commons at question time to-day when Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, said he understood there were provisions other than those published in the press communique in the agreement reached between Herr Hitler and Chancellor Schuschnigg at Berchtesgaden.

Until full publication of the terms of the agreement, Mr. Eden said he was unable to make a statement. The British Government, however, was closely following developments. A Labour member asked Mr. Eden whether the British Government still adhered to the joint declaration of February, 1934, reaffirming the complete independence of Austria. Mr. Eden replied that if the questioner meant the Stresa Declaration, that was between Great Britain, France and Italy. Italy had not yet consulted the British Government on the matter.—*Reuter*.

DIFFERENCES ARISE

Vienna, Feb. 16.

It is reported that new difficulties have arisen between Chancellor Schuschnigg and the Austrian Nazis, indicating that there may be some delay in fulfilling the pro-Nazi programme.—*United Press*.

KUNG'S SECRET FLIGHT

FINANCE MINISTER RETURNS TO CHINA

Hankow, Feb. 16.

Dr. H. H. Kung, Premier and Finance Minister, returned here by air from Hongkong yesterday after an absence of over a week.

His departure from Hongkong was kept a strict secret, for fear that the Japanese might make a special attempt to shoot down the special plane in which he travelled. During his visit to Hongkong, Dr. Kung conferred with his brother-in-law, Mr. T. V. Soong, and other prominent Chinese.—*Reuter*.

Rescue Plane Reaches Soviet Scientists

Moscow, Feb. 16.

An aeroplane from the ice-breaker *Murmansk* has landed on the ice-floe where four Soviet scientists have been marooned for several months. The plane expects to take the men off at any moment.—*Reuter*.

BRITISH OPINION CAUTIOUS

Surprise At Italian Inactivity So Far

London, Feb. 16.

Authoritative British quarters state it is too soon to conclude that the terms accepted by Dr. Schuschnigg mean the end of Austria's real independence.

They add that one would have expected that Italy would be specially interested and concerned in any development touching Austria's independence but as far as is known she has not made any move.—*Reuter*.

LONDON'S INTEREST

London, Feb. 16.

Developments in the situation in Austria which have followed upon the Berchtesgaden meeting between Herr Hitler and Dr. Schuschnigg are being studied here with close interest. Newspapers publish long despatches from Vienna on the subject in some of which it is declared that, as a result of acceptance of the terms put forward by Germany, the independence of Austria has virtually been sacrificed. Editorial comment, however, is generally withheld pending fuller appreciation of the situation.

Meanwhile, in more authoritative circles it is felt that it is too soon to express the view that the terms accepted mark the end of Austria's real independence. Confidence is displayed in the disinterestedness and loyalty of Dr. Schuschnigg and it is recalled that during the year that he has been Chancellor he has earned widespread respect both for his character and his ability, and that he has shown exceptional skill in steering his country through difficult times. The prevailing view is that he can be relied upon therefore to do what he thinks best in the present difficult circumstances.

Some surprise is shown that Italy appears to have made no move during the developments which appeared to affect Austria's independence, maintenance of which had always been regarded as of special interest and concern to that country.—*British Wireless*.

BERLIN REACTIONS

Berlin, Feb. 16.

That Germany is satisfied with Dr. Schuschnigg's obedience to Hitler's demands is indicated in press reaction which regards the developments as stabilising Austro-German relations and another proof of Hitler's will for peace. Expressions like a new start of a new era are common.

Zeissingh's appointment creates the liveliest satisfaction. The retention of Schuschnigg in control of the Vienna Police is not so welcome, though political circles are prepared to wait and see how far he will be able to work co-operatively with Zeissingh.—*Reuter*.

GERMANY'S FIRST STEP

Berlin, Feb. 16.

Nazi to-day said that the reshuffling of the Austrian Cabinet was only a first step towards "pacification" of Austria. The *Essen National Zeitung* stated that Hitler had given an ultimatum.

A paper said, "The fact that the Austrians announced these first measures at mid-night on Tuesday is extraordinarily significant, so that the time limit was observed. It is also hoped that subsequent phases of this pacification will be compatible with the views of both countries' statesmen and will develop without friction."

The *Volkischer Beobachter* said, "The Berchtesgaden meeting caused surprise and high expectations have speedily been fruit."

The *Boerzen Zeitung* said, "The Cabinet reshuffle is a brilliant beacon for peace."

The *Berliner Tageblatt* said, "This has paved the way for elimination of the misunderstandings of recent years."

Meanwhile Hitler at the Presidential Palace gave a dinner to foreign diplomats and their wives.—*United Press*.

REICHSTAG CALLED

Berlin, Feb. 16.

Gen. Goering, Prussian Premier, has summoned the Reichstag to convene on February 20 at 1.30 p.m. to hear Hitler's message. This is the sole item on the agenda and is expected to deal largely with Austrian reorganisation.—*United Press*.

OPINIONS IN PARIS

Paris, Feb. 16.

Political circles regard Austro-German developments with disquiet. *Perlinex* in the *Echo de Paris* writes we are witnessing one of the greatest events in contemporary history, repercussions of which are beyond measurement.

Epoque comments that Mussolini keeps silence because he is in a good position to shout.

Petit Parisien says, "With a knife at her throat, Austria had to yield. She would not have been reduced to this extremity if Britain had hurried rearmament, and if France had not allowed seven months to elapse without acting."—*Reuter's Special*.

RADIO BROADCAST

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12.30 Songs by Paul Robeson (Bass).

Swing Along (Cook); Blue Prelude (Bishop); Lullaby (Hill 'Big Fellows').

12.40 Mirek Weber & His Orch. The Rosary (Nevin, arr. Allendorf); Mighty Lak' A Rose (Nevin); Along The Banks Of The Volga (Fantasia Of Russian Waltzes—Borchert); La Belle Helene—Selection.

1.0 Time and Weather.

1.03 Reginald Fook at the Organ. An Autumn Serenade (Becker); Poem (Fibich); Reminiscences Of Finkl.

1.15 Soprano Solos. My Lovely Gella (Monro, arr. Wilson); Nana Maryska (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Ivor Newton. Lo, Here The Gentle Lark (Bishop) ... Mavis Bennett (Soprano). Sleep On (Helen)—Offenbach, arr. Korngold; My Man (Adams) ... Winnie Melville (Soprano).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Compositions of Rachmaninoff and Arensky.

Suite No. 2 For Two Pianos (Rachmaninoff); Waltz From Suite For Two Pianos, Op. 15 (Arensky) ... Vronsky and Robin.

2.15 Close down.

8.05-11.0 Chinese Programme.

5.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) I've got my heart set on you; (b) Swing is here to stay; (c) More power to you; (d) You're my dish. 5.15 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

5.20 (a) Let's have another cigarette; (b) Life of the party; (c) Roses in December; (d) Yankee Doodle Band.

5.35 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

5.45 (a) Foolin' myself; (b) Shells of Araby; (c) Am I in Love? (d) You Can't stop me from dreaming. 6.0 Studio—Children's Hour.

7.0 Sea Shanties.

Blow The Man Down; Tom's Gone To Hills (arr. Terry); A Dollar And A Half A Day; The Hog's Eye Man (arr. Terry); One More Day; On The Banks Of Sacramento (arr. Harris) (Baritone) ... John Goss and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

7.10 New Mayfair.

Selection of Bing Crosby Numbers; Polka Medley; Excuse Me Dance; Walk Time—Selection (Sievler and Wark); "Please Teacher"—Selection (Waller and Tunbridge).

7.35 Closing Stock Quotations.

7.40 Studio—Brahms' Recital by Mrs. Sanger (Soprano) accompanied by Gerald Sydney (Piano).

1. A Bird flies over the Rhine; 2. A Thought like Music; 3. Maiden Song; 4. That Night in May; 5. Serenade.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.05 Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.

11.0 Close down.

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBK on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.

8.05 Light Variety. Orchestra w. Harp—Cocktail; Waltz Medley—Hurry Chapman (Harp) and His Music Lovers. Vocal—Rainbow On The River (from film); Flower Song (film Rainbow on the River) ... Bobby Brown.

—Espana—Waltz (Waldteufel); Casadel—Waltz (Richard) ... Barnabas Von Gezy & His Orchestra. Vocal—Elsie Carlisle Medley ... Elsie Carlisle.

8.30 London Relay—At The Black Dog. Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.

9.0 The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. "Zampa"—Overture (Herold, arr. Godfrey); The Mikado—Selection (Sullivan).

9.15 London Relay—"World Affairs". Talk by the Right Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.C.M.G., K.B.E.

9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 Piano Solos by Benno Moisewitsch.

Rondo (Hummel); Improvisi in A Flat (Chopin); Filigiana in A Chinese Garden; Rush Hour in Hongkong (Chasins).

10.05 Schubert's Songs. Hedge Rose (Op. 3, No. 3); Impatience ("Die Schone Mullerin"—Op. 25, No. 7). The Erl King (Op. 1) ... Alexander Kipnis (Bass) accomp. by Gerald Moore (Piano).

10.15 Schubert—Symphony No. 7 in C Major. Played by The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.

11.0 Close down.

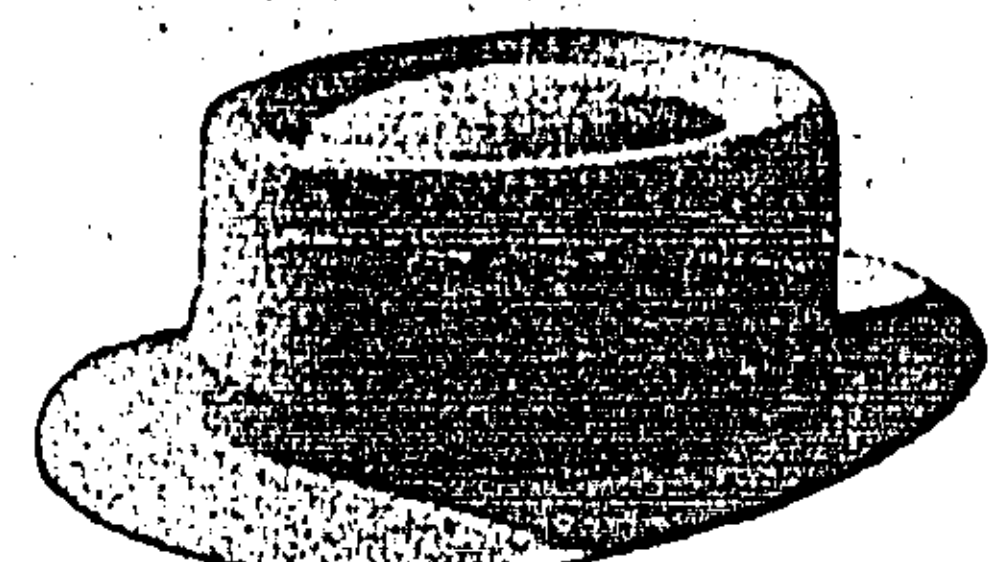
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United Hockey Tournery Forges Ahead

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(By "The Pilgrim")

The wonderful progress made by the United Tournament since its inception two seasons ago has been one of the most remarkable features of hockey in the Colony during recent years. Commencing with only a handful of Service teams and the Hongkong Police, it has been carefully nursed and has blossomed forth into what it is to-day.

But for the inclusion of the Police, the Tournament might well have been called the United Services Tournament. Since then, however, many more teams have joined, including a number of civilian and regimental teams.

This season the name of the Tournament has been altered to "The United Clubs"—a wise move by the Committee inasmuch as each individual club now has power to voice its opinion at the Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association.

Since I stressed the necessity of neutral umpires a few months ago, this is now being done and the games, I notice, are becoming more popular than ever. I also advocated last season in these columns the importance of having a tournament organized by the Hongkong Hockey Association, but the Council thought otherwise; it would entail too much work.

SERVE THIS PURPOSE

The United Clubs now serve this purpose and can be called an unofficial hockey association. The United Clubs have promoted several representative games recently, namely United v. Waiwaka, Services v. Civilian, and games against individual clubs outside the Tournament.

The United Clubs will be sending a combined team to Macao next Sunday. International games will also be arranged within the future, the idea being to create a friendly spirit between the Civilian and the Services. They are going a step further next season whereby players will gain club standing by looking upon the U.H.C. as their Club instead of as the tournament in which they take part. In addition, Mixed ladies and gentlemen teams will be formed.



Sub-Inspector L. Tyler
The man behind the scenes.

UNITED CLUBS' BEAT KUMAON RIFLES

**Lead Three Nil
At Half Time**

The selectors must have been pleased with themselves when the Combined United Hockey Clubs defeated the Kumaon Rifles on the Club ground last evening by the

and there will also be a Junior Division for youngsters (schoolboys).

No difficulty should be experienced next season as several coaches and umpires, both Military and Civilian, are available and grounds will also be at the disposal of the Tournament.

If the Hongkong Hockey Association had functioned on similar lines as the United, the game would be in a stronger position than it already occupies now. Still, it is not too late for them to change their attitude, in my opinion.

However, it is rather doubtful if the military clubs would be willing to break away from the present style of playing now that they have settled down to it.

It is certainly good to see K.I.T.C., Police, Radio, C.B.A. and military players together in the same team, playing side by side in game after game. Big strides have been made since the strong Civilian and Military teams got together as a united body.

MAN BEHIND THE SCENES

Sub-Inspector L. Tyler has been the man behind the scenes and has been responsible for the formation of the U.H.C. He is always on the spot and a keener hockey enthusiast it will be hard to find. Incidentally, he is also in charge of the Police hockey teams and the work he has done has been great. It is significant that the Police have been the only team to defeat Macao to date.

I hear he is due for home leave early in April, but I sincerely hope he will postpone his departure from the Colony—at least to the end of April when the season comes to a close. It is going to be a problem to get a man to take his place. As I have remarked before, a Tournament cannot be proclaimed a success until it is all over. It is, therefore, important that Sub-Inspector Tyler stays long enough to see the U.H.C. have a successful ending, and it is in sight if he remains behind to see it through.



The Allington Corinthians, as they posed with officials of the South China Athletic Association for a group photo on board the Aramis immediately after their arrival in the Colony. Mrs. T. F. Lo, wife of the Chairman of the S.C.A.A., is seen seated in the centre, next to Mr. Tom Smith, manager of the famous touring team. (Photo: Staff Photographer)

Police Draw With Middlesex Teams Share Two Goals

(By "The Pilgrim")

On the Police Training School ground on Tuesday afternoon, an evenly-contested game was seen when the Middlesex and Police senior elevens shared two goals.

The first half was entertaining, with the soldiers enjoying the better of the exchanges. After making several good saves, Chan Kam-fu was a fraction too late in stopping a hot drive from Jackson, the Middlesex left-winger, who found the net after 20 minutes.

Grogan and Stickle, the Middlesex backs, defended well, and Sheehan and Graham, the halves, showed good combination.

Fifteen minutes after the resumption, Howlett, at inside right for the Police, equalised, going through in a fine solo move down the middle. Brown, at centre half for the Police, had a great match and showed splendid form. Jackson, at left-half, rendered able assistance and kept feeding his forwards continually. Mehar Singh, at right back, was also in the line. Narwant Singh, at centre forward seemed slow, but Howlett at inside right was impressive and made up for the sluggishness of the rest of the line.

The Police were given a hectic time during the last ten minutes of the game, but Chan relieved the situation, clearing effectively with well-timed kicks. Beadnell, Bright and Jackson were always dangerous in the soldiers' attack.

convincing margin of 7-1. They completely outplayed the Riflemen in all departments of the game.

Naraina Ram filled S. A. Fowler's position at right wing and was responsible for the first goal. After fifteen minutes play, Dunne and Sawal Khan added the second and third in quick succession.

With a 3-0 lead at the interval, the United attack again got into their stride and Partauba ran in to score the fourth goal. A desperate breakthrough saw Leach, the Kumaon centre-forward, score their solitary goal, when their inside right beat Dobson to the ball and crossed in a soft pass for the former to shoot into an empty goal. With some pretty stickwork and splendid passing movements Sawal Khan, Partauba Nath and Dunne kept moving and with only a few minutes to go, Partauba Nath (2) and Sawal Khan found the net with little difficulty.

Fowler was seen on the right-wing during the second half and he and Partauba at the other end, gave a good account of themselves. Dunne at inside-left, formed an excellent combination with Partauba Nath and the way the whole attack dominated play, there certainly was no room for improvement. The halves Wentton, Ghulam Rasul and Malik were effective spoilers who kept the United team well in check. Partauba Nath was called upon to defend in earnest. Dobson in goal cleared confidently and was never really tested.

The judicious well-aimed passes of the United team were in direct contrast with the similar clearances of the Riflemen. The only bright spot in the Kumaon's display was the magnificent leadership shown by Capt. Loch at centre forward; he, however, received poor support from the rest of his attack. The halves played a hard game while the full backs fell away badly in the second half. The weather kept fine and play was fast throughout. The winners should give a good account of themselves when they visit Macao next Sunday.

SHOCKS IN ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOUR SENIOR TEAMS LOSE ON HOME GROUNDS

London, Feb. 16.

While no surprises were seen in the F. A. Scottish Cup re-plays to-day, there were several upsets in the First Division of the English Football League, thus making the position at the top of the table more interesting than ever.



Telok Singh, of Queen's College, is the only schoolboy in First Division of the English Football League. He plays at inside-left for the Radcliffe.

International Tournament Starts Soon

England And India Should Be "Seeded"

If the weather clears up, we shall soon be holding trials for the International Tournament.

England has been the champion team for two successive seasons and providing the side is correctly chosen, there is no reason why they should not win it for the third year in succession. Their nearest rivals this year will be India and Portugal.

The draw has not been made yet, but the International Committee would be making a wise and satisfactory move if they seed England and India and place them in separate halves. I am quite certain the other countries, Wales, Portugal, Ireland, Scotland and China will not be up to the strength of the English and Indian teams.

In order to aid the selectors, I will now nominate players for the three strongest teams:

ENGLAND

Dobson (R.E.); Guest (Radio), Grogan (Middlesex) or Head (Club), Brown (Police), V. A. Reed (Club) and Land (R.E.); S. Fowler (Club), Divett (Club), Capt. Loch (Kumaon Rifles), Lieut. Chattey (Middlesex) and Jackson (Middlesex) or Bond (Club).

Reserves—Benwell (Club), Taylor (C.B.A.), Jackson (Police), Hickford (Club) and Parker (Police).

INDIA

Raman (K.I.T.C.); Kishan Singh (K.I.T.C.), Ghulam Rasul (Rajpu-

In the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup, Aston Villa and Charlton again failed to arrive at a decision. On Saturday, the teams met at Charlton and shared two goals. Aston Villa were at home to-day, and each side scored twice. The score remained at a deadlock even after extra time had been played.

Tottenham Hotspurs, however, put their record in the F.A. Cup at three.

The best performance in the second round re-plays of the Scottish Cup was by St. Bernard's, who visited King's Park and won by 4-3. Ayr United and Motherwell also won their ties.

LEAGUE SURPRISES

In the First Division of the English League, of the five matches played, four ended in victories for the visitors. The greatest upset was the defeat of the Wolves before their own supporters by Huddersfield, who won convincingly by 4-1.

Arsenal improved their position considerably as the result of their win over Manchester City by the odd goal in three. Liverpool visited Everton to win by 3-1, and Middlesex went to Preston N.E. to take the points by 2-0. Sunderland were the only home side to succeed, beating Brentford by the only goal scored.

Result of to-day's matches were as follows:

F.A. CUP REPLAYS (FIFTH ROUND)

Tottenham	2	Charlton	1
Aston Villa	2	Charlton	2

SCOTTISH CUP REPLAYS (SECOND ROUND)

Ayr U.	2	Queen's Park	1
Motherwell	0	St. Bernard's	1
King's Park	3	St. Bernard's	4

FIRST DIVISION

Everton	1	Liverpool	3
Manchester C.	1	Arsenal	2
Wolves	1	Huddersfield	4
Preston N.E.	0	Middlesbrough	2
Sunderland	1	Brentford	0

SECOND DIVISION

Bury	3	Luton	4
Bradford	1	Fulham	2

*After extra time.

RUGBY MATCHES AT HOME

London, Feb. 16.

Two non-championship county rugby matches were played to-day. At Torquay, Devon defeated Middlesex by 9-0, and at Reading Surrey beat Berkshire by 12-11.—Reuter.

tana Rifles); M. H. Hassan (Radio), Mehar Singh (Police); M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.); Khuda Bux (H.K.A.R.A.); Sawal Khan (Rajputana Rifles); Partauba Nath (Rajputana Rifles); Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.); and Partauba (Kumaon Rifles).

Reserves—Tara Singh (H.K.A.R.A.); Gopal Ram (Rajputana Rifles); Naraina Ram (Rajputana Rifles); and Partauba (Kumaon Rifles). (Continued on Page 9.)

BUT EXTENDED BY KOWLOON TONG PLAYERS

HIGH STANDARD REACHED IN OPENING PROGRAMME

(By "Abe")

Considering that it was only the first round, play in the Colony Badminton Championships at the Club de Recreio last evening reached a high standard. Sustained brilliance was never seen, but all the three matches played were quite interesting.

One match in the original programme was not decided. M. A. Oliveira twisted his ankle while at practice last Sunday, and he was unable to take the court with his partner, Miss M. Silva, against H. A. Aves and Mrs. A. E. Castro in the Mixed Doubles.

In the men's doubles, Norman Mackay and Albert Chan, of Kowloon Tong, did very well indeed to take a game from C. K. Lee and C. O. Lee of the University. When it is realised that the undergraduates were members of the successful University team last year, and until very recently were members of this year's side, the merit of the Kowloon Tong pair's achievement will be appreciated. Mackay and Chan made a gallant effort to bring off the unexpected, but failed badly in the third game when they were completely outplayed. At certain stages of the encounter, Mackay was head and shoulders above all the other three. He was unable to stay the pace, however, and slowed down considerably in the deciding game. When he was at his best, he scored with several beautiful cross-court drop-shots which invariably caught his opponents out of position.

Chan's play was chiefly notable for some fine recoveries, but on the whole he was too laboured in his methods to be really effective. Both the Lee's were very casual at the start, especially "C.O." who lost many points through leaving alone shots which fell well within the base-line. They shook off their lethargy in the deciding set, however, and ran into a lead of 14-1 after which the rest was easy.

SINGLES MATCHES

Two club-mates, F. Tsang and J. A. Chen, clashed in the first of the two singles matches played. The pace in which the match was contested told on both, and after Tsang had won the first set at 17-14, Chen retired.

Chen started off extremely well by taking a 6-0 lead, but his opponent fought back pluckily, and by dint of steady play won three points in a row after 14-14 had been called. Chen was obviously distressed to witness his opponent's attempt to retrieve several easy shots.

By far the better of the two singles was that in which S. Y. Hon, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., defeated A. L. Fisher of the Free Lancers by 15-12 and 17-16. There was more method in the play of the two contestants, and furthermore a greater variety of strokes was revealed.

Fisher never at any time touched his best form and was often out-generalled by Hon, who played very steadily throughout. Both men apparently found the court rather too slippery, though the other players earlier in the evening had not found it so.

FISHER MISSED CHANCES

Had Fisher shown a little steadiness in the vital stages, the

match might easily have gone to the final set. He led 12-3 in the second canto, but failed to press home his advantage and did not win another point until his opponent had not only drawn level but had passed him. Hon actually led 14-12 at one time. After the game had been "deuced" Fisher again led 2-0, only to lose three points in a row to his opponent.

Hon deserved his victory; on the evening's play, he was the better-equipped of the two.

Scores:
Men's Singles—F. Tsang beat J. A. Chen 17-14 in the first game, after which the latter retired; S. Y. Hon beat A. L. Fisher 15-12, 17-16.

Men's Doubles—C. K. Lee and C. O. Lee beat N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan 15-11, 11-15, 15-4.

PROBABLE STARTERS ANNOUNCED

Grand National Candidates

London, Feb. 16.

The following are the Grand National probable starters: Alcock (McNeill), Drimmoreland (Williams), Cooleen (Fawcett), Pontet (Parkinson), Battleship (Burford), Royal Daniel (Moore), Donnell's Cross (Everett), Loyal Prince (Curry), Davy Jones (Middleton), Dunhill Castle (Nicholson), Carver (Redman), Inverness (Hogan), Redfreeman (Elder), De La Chance (Walwyn), Deslys (Archibald), Tak-vorpacha (Kallay), Don Bradman (Marsh), Dawmar (Maxwell), Frovovocative (Scratchley), Want (Faulkner), Yau (Street), Pucka Belle (Bright), Cottage (O'Grady), Didaric (Brown), Stalbridge Park (Jones), Blue Shift (Smyth), Hurdysydy Man (Strutt), Topoli (Hartigan), KDN (Gordon), Red Knight II (Jones), Lazy Boots (Hilop), West Kent (Heyworth), and Drim (Tighe).

No jockeys have been assigned for Tampion, Penralk and Emancipator.—Reuter.

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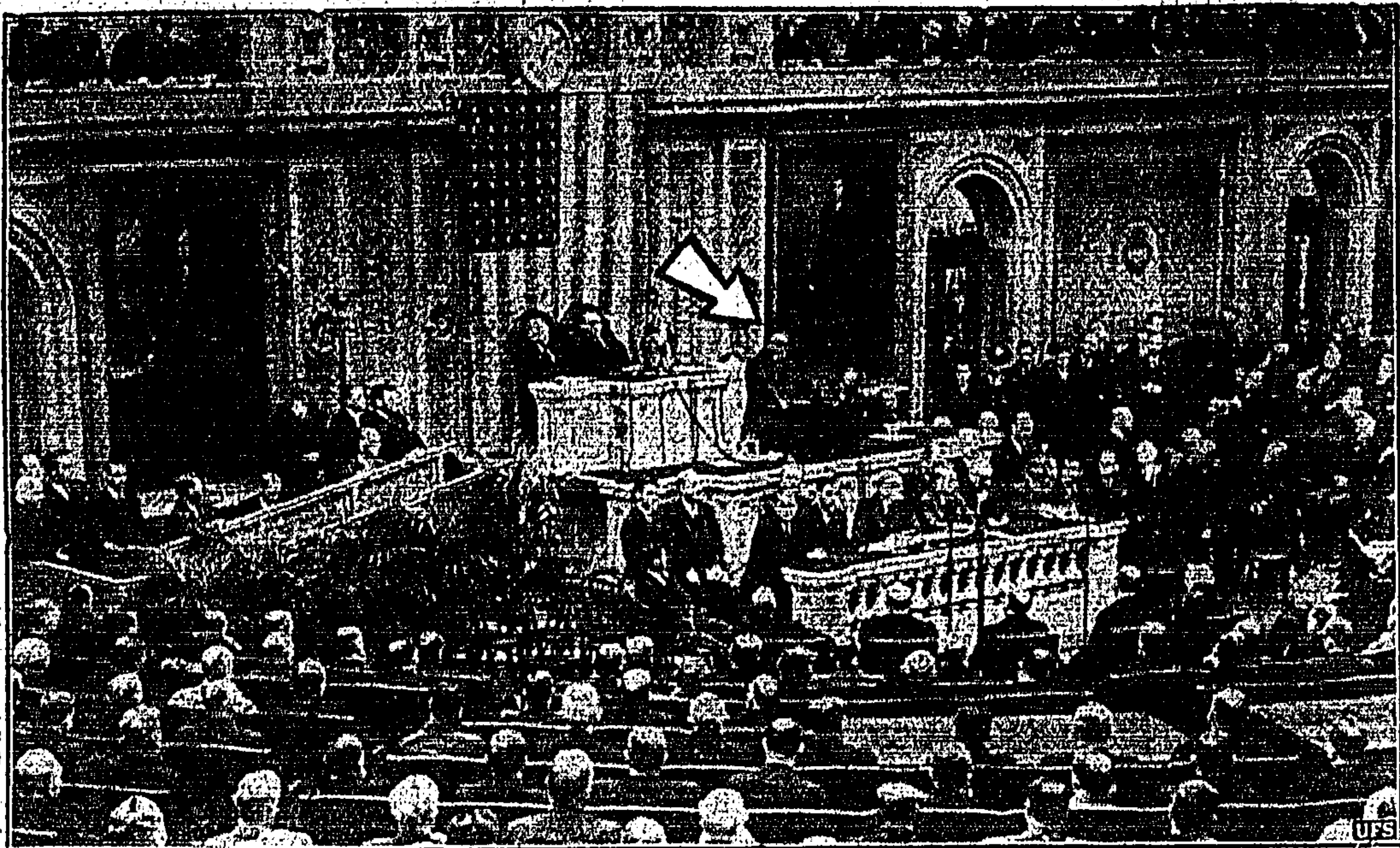
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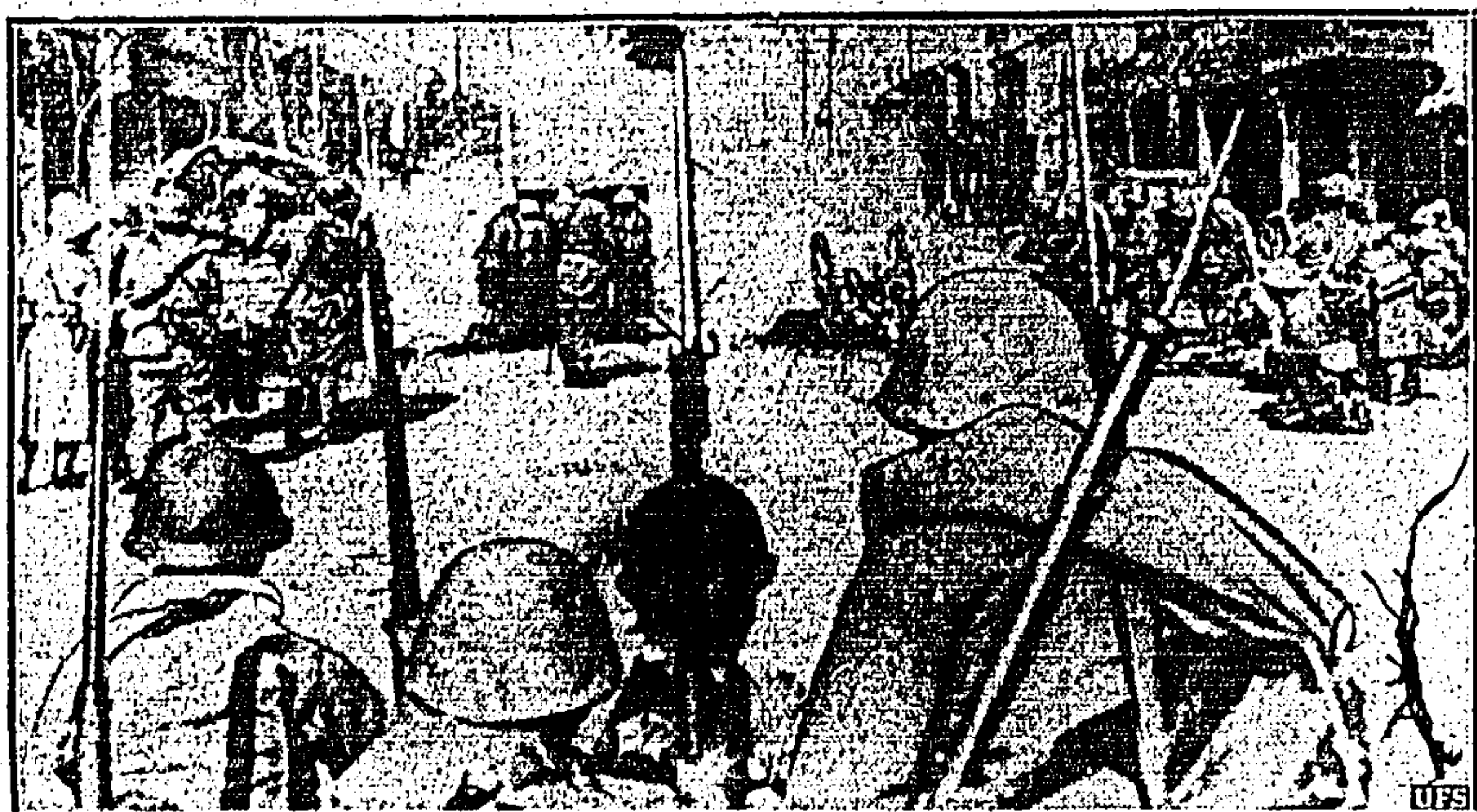
NEWS OF THE DAY
IN PICTURES
FROM FAR AND NEAR

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PHOTONEWS

HAPPENINGS
AS SEEN BY
THE CAMERA'S EYE



Here is the scene in the House of Representatives, Washington, as President Roosevelt delivered his message at the opening of the second regular session of the 75th Congress. Calling on capital and labour to co-operate for the national recovery, President Roosevelt said, "I do not propose to let the people down." He is indicated by arrow.



Getting ready for the final drive into the ancient Chinese capital of Nanking, these Japanese infantrymen await the order to charge, while their artillery batters Chung-hwa gate in the city's wall. The range was about 75 yards. Shortly afterward the Nipponese conquerors entered the city in triumph, as the Chinese defenders fled.



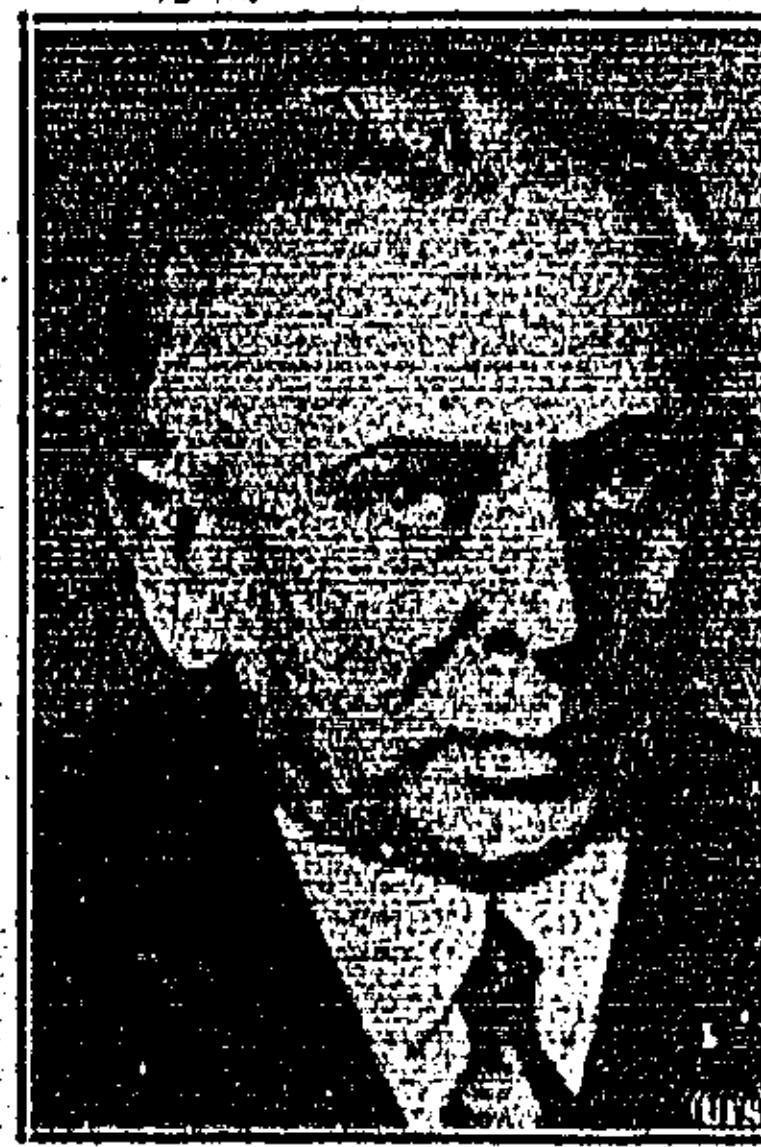
In a paternal but playful mood, Colonel General Hermann Goering, Nazi air minister and second in national importance to Chancellor Hitler, tweaks the nose of one of his young guests at a Christmas party in Berlin. Youngsters at the party, held in the Berlin Club, received many gifts, but evidently this boy "paid through the nose."



Laying the cornerstone for the light-house in memory of Amelia Barbara, American aviator lost last year, near this site on Howland Island, in the Pacific. Director Ernest Gruening, of the Federal Interior Department's Division of Aeronautics and Naval Facilities is presiding. The light will



HUNTSMAN—Neville Chamberlain, Premier, took time off from worrisome affairs of state to do a bit of shooting as guest of Lord Swinton. Here he is shown changing guns on the Swinton estate. Sole Gill Beck, near Malham.



PREMIER—Octavian Goga, 57, educated in Budapest and Berlin, recently appointed Premier of Rumania by King Carol. At once establishing the National Christian front, he appointed anti-Jewish party men, announcing his policy of "Rumania for the Rumanians."

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Sending 55 years of association with Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, Ltd., a portrait of Sir Robert Ho Tung was unveiled yesterday at a ceremony in the private office of the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the Senior Partner of the firm in the Far East.

There were many distinguished guests present, and cocktails were served before Mr. Paterson unveiled the portrait, which is the work of a Chinese artist.



Mr. Paterson said: Sir Robert Ho Tung, ladies and gentlemen. We met here on a most momentous occasion, to-day our dear old friend Sir Robert Ho Tung presents his portrait to the firm with which he was associated for over half a century. How excellent a portrait this is you are about to see.

Sir Robert has lived through eventful years. He joined the Chinese Shipping Department in 1880 as a junior clerk and such was his application that twelve months later he was selected to open two native branches for the Canton Insurance Office and the Hongkong Fire. These ventures proved marked successes.

After a few years of insurance, Sir Robert once again went back to shipping, and with it he was asked to push sales of refined sugar in all the Treaty Ports of China. Later on he took an active part in the business of the Import Department and indeed from 1880 to 1900 Sir Robert served in practically every Department of the firm.

Sir Robert was also connected with the West Point Godown Company, then under Jardine management. He continued to take an active interest in it, and when this Company became merged with another concern to form the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company once again Sir Robert was closely connected with and indeed arranged for the Chinese management.

Often Honoured

Sir Robert's honours are so many that I cannot detail them all here. He was as you know made a Knight Bachelor in 1915 and he possesses decorations from all the great European Powers and China.

Sir Robert's civic activities have embraced nearly every position of importance in this town and as we all know in the course of company management he occupies a position of paramount importance. His generosity is proverbial.

And so I ask you, Ladies and Gentlemen, to drink to the health of our very loyal old friend, many of us have the benefit of his wise counsel and sage advice for many years to come. This portrait which now-unveiled will be a source of inspiration to myself and my successors. On behalf of Sir John Jardine and the Directors and staff of Ewo I thank you most sincerely for dear Sir Robert for your magnificent gift.

(Applause)

The portrait was unveiled and the toast was honoured with acclamation.

Sir Robert's Reply

Sir Robert said: Mr. Paterson, Ladies and Gentlemen.—Nearly 60 years ago, a timid youth of 17 summers entered the service of the leading business house in the Far East. Little did he then realise that about two generations later he should receive the rare honour of having his portrait unveiled and hung in the private office of the firm's senior Managing Partner in the Far East. Ladies and Gentlemen, I have, in the course of half a century, been the fortunate recipient of various honours from several quarters; but none has conveyed the same significance nor given me such a lively sense of satisfaction as that implied by to-day's unveiling ceremony. The firm of Jardine, Matheson & Co. as it is known in this part of the world has become so much of part of my commercial life that I naturally share that sense of pride which every member of the firm feels when the name of Jardine's is mentioned. This feeling of pride is enhanced by the fact that during the time of my active association with it I was privileged to see its growth and expansion until it had attained the fullness and stature of an outstanding business organisation in the Far East.

During a period of 20 years, that is, from 1880 to 1900, I came into intimate contact with men whose names stand high in the estimation of Hongkong's business circles. Names such as those of William Keswick, Francis Bulkeley-Johnson, William Paterson (father of our esteemed host), John Bell-Irving, James Johnstone Keswick, James Jardine Bell-Irving, John MacGregor, Alexander Palmer MacEwen, Sir Edward Alford, and Charles William Dickson, have each a place in the hall of fame in Hongkong.

Incidents Recalled

On an occasion such as this, one's mind inevitably looks back to the past. I can recall two incidents very vividly in connection with at least two of these men. When I was a youth of about 22 years of age, William Keswick was anxious to buy over the Lee Yuen Sugar Refinery, because it was the most formidable of the China Sugar Refinery Com-

pany's competitors. The Talked Sugar Refinery had not then come into existence. I happened to learn about the impending deal and the further fact that the method which Mr. Keswick was employing in order to secure this competing sugar refinery would not be successful. Accordingly, one evening I took courage in both hands and, as there were neither buses nor trams, nor rickshaws nor motor-cars in those days, I availed myself of the only means of conveyance then possible, namely a chair, and began the rather long journey down to East Point. On arrival I asked for an immediate interview. It was courteously granted. Having ventured to inform my Chief that his scheme for acquiring the Lee Yuen Refinery would lead to a deadlock, I recommended another scheme which involved the handing over to me of a large sum of money.

I remember vividly the practical man of affairs saying to me: "Ho Tung, if you do not succeed, you will be running a razor across my throat." I replied that though the scheme was mine, the decision must be his. Then rising from his seat, he said: "Well, Ho Tung, I trust you know your scheme is practical and I give you my confidence." Before many days passed, I secured the Lee Yuen Sugar Refinery for Mr. Keswick at a considerable sum less than he was willing to pay for it. In fact, there was just the possibility that otherwise he would never have got it.

Co-operation

The other story relates to Mr. J. Bell-Irving. One morning, he noticed that I was more tired than usual and suddenly remarked: "Ho Tung, where were you last night?" To that embarrassing question I replied as truthfully as one must in the face of a sudden enquiry. I confessed that I had been entertaining at dinner at West Point certain friends and customers of the firm, the China Steam Navigation Co. Then Mr. Bell-Irving asked how much I had expended that evening. Upon my informing him that I had spent \$250, he, to my surprise, opened his drawer, took out his cheque book, and gave me a cheque for the sum I mentioned. This story illustrates the fine spirit of co-operation and consideration which animates the leaders of affairs who have guided the destiny of Ewo to a position of pre-eminence in China.

In 1900 I retired, after 20 years of service, with the firm whose vast network of business connections I had a privileged share in creating. I was then 37 years of age. Since 1900, I have been closely associated with every head of the firm, including our honoured host. The names of those I can best recall are William Gresson, Charles Ross, David Landale, Henry Keswick, John Johnston, J. R. Anton, D. G. M. Berstone, J. R. Anton, D. G. M. Berstone, and F. D. Smith. From this hard, and long list of names, it will be seen that I have been associated with the Keswick family for three generations. It therefore gives me unfeigned pleasure to see in Mr. J. and Mr. John Keswick such faithful reproduction of the ability and the sterling qualities of their honoured father.

Associated in this happy gathering I see another face recalling a flood of memories. I refer to Mr. David Landale, who to borrow a phrase from the old adage, is a veritable "chip of the old block." The Landales have made a name for themselves in Hongkong and the Treaty Ports of China, and if an old man like myself may venture into the realms of prophecy this afternoon, Mr. Landale is bound to succeed in his career. Looking back as I do over a period of some fifty years there comes a deep sense of pride and joy in the reflection that throughout this long stretch of time I enjoyed the confidence of every partner of the firm, and that I have been employed and am still enjoying as well as the cordiality which was and is still being shown to me by successive generations of Managing Partners will always remain one of the treasured recollections of my life.

In conclusion, I thank you all, ladies and gentlemen, for coming here to-day and by your presence adding grace and dignity to this event, as well as making it more happy and more significant. One word, so I hope, deserves the honour. Once again I heartily thank you all.

(Applause)

STOP PRESS

CHINESE LINE PIERCED

Shanghai, Feb. 10.
Japanese troops have breached China's first line defences on the Hindenburg line northward of Wei-hwei following an intensive bombardment. Japanese despatches claim hand-to-hand fighting is now taking place and Japan is pouring troops through the breach.

Japanese claim the capture of Fengchi which, they assert, will enable them to cross the Yellow River. Trainloads of Japanese troops are rushing from Manchukuo to reinforce troops on the Tientsin-Pukow and Peking-Hankow railways.—Reuter.

LABOUR WINS BY ELECTION

London, Feb. 17.
The by-election at Ipswich, caused by Sir John Gannon's elevation to the Peerage, resulted in a win for Labour. Mr. R. R. Stokes polling 27,604 and Mr. H. U. Willink, National Conservative, 24,443.—Reuter.

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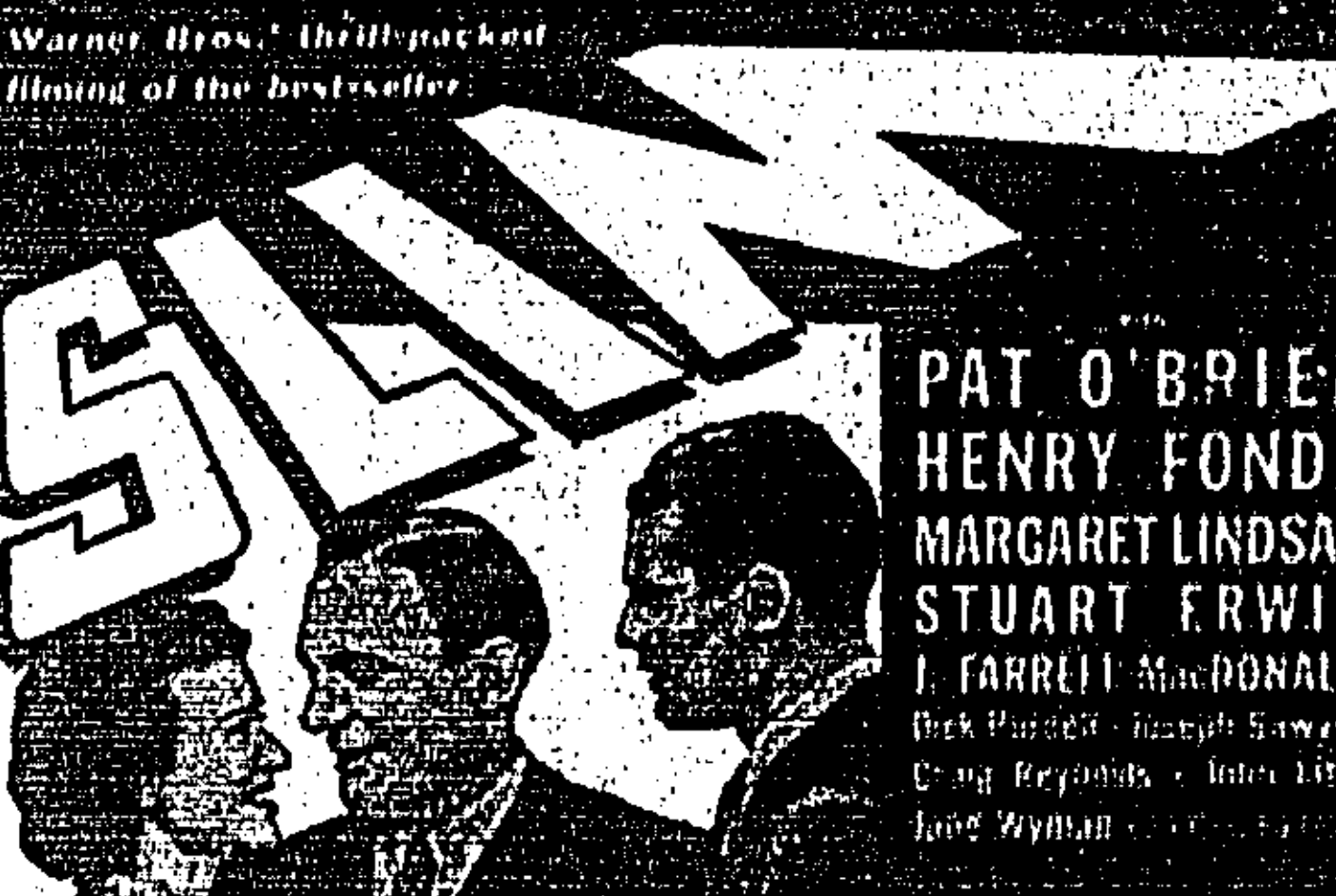
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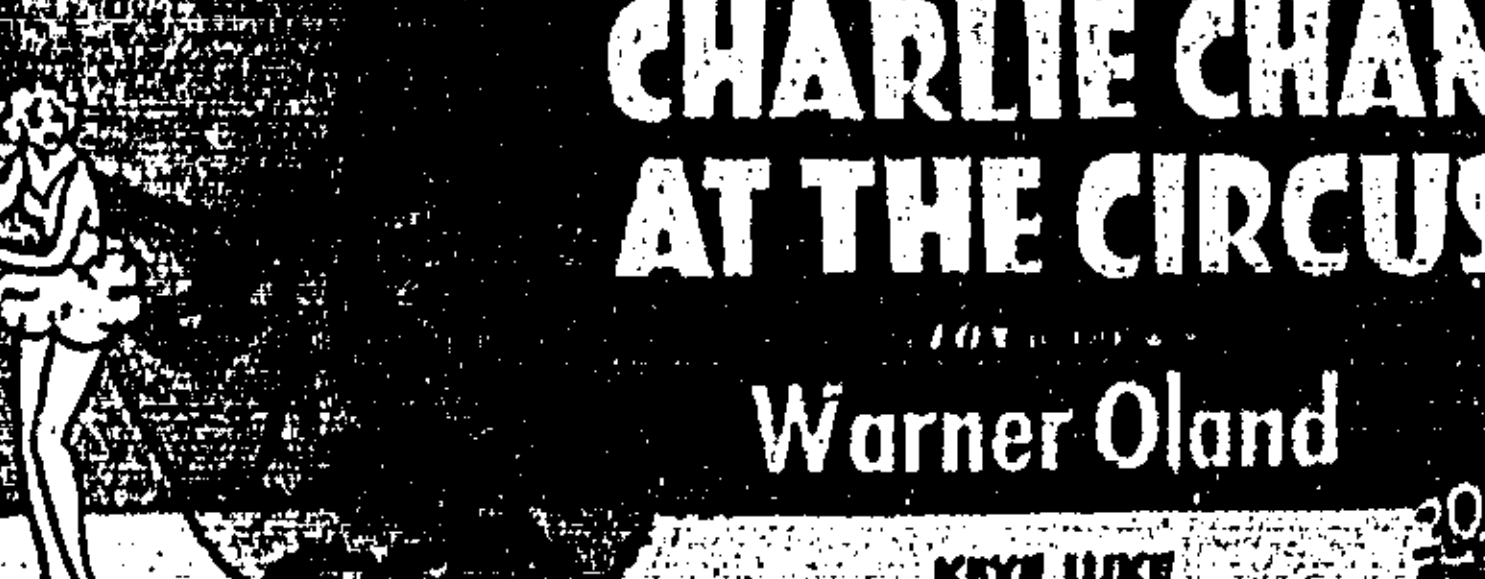
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Savouries for a Buffet Supper

HERE are a few suggestions for small savouries for an informal supper party.

To make fish shapes you require one pound of cooked fish, half a pint of thick white sauce, four tablespoonfuls of salad cream, two teaspoonfuls of anchovy essence, half a pint of aspic jelly.

Flake the fish, mix it with the sauce, salad cream and anchovy essence and stir in the aspic jelly when cold, but not setting.

Season to taste, fill small wet moulds with the mixture and leave in a cool place until quite firm. Turn out and garnish with watercress.

White fish, smoked fish, fresh or tinned salmon, lobster, crab, &c., can all be used for these shapes.

SAVOURY HORNS

Have ready some long strips of puff pastry, about one inch wide and an eighth of an inch thick.

Grease some cone-shaped moulds and wind the pastry round them, starting at the point and letting each piece overlap slightly. If moulds are not available, short pieces of smooth round stick, about one inch in diameter, can be used.

Brush the pastry with beaten egg and bake in a hot oven until brown (about twenty minutes). When done, allow them to stand a few minutes before removing the moulds. When cold, fill with a savoury fish or meat mixture, made as follows:—

I take half a pint of thick white sauce, stir in six to eight ounces of cooked meat or fish, finely divided, and season and flavour to taste.

Chopped parsley, piquant sauce, herbs, hard boiled egg, chopped onion, capers, &c., are good flavourings for this.

STUFFED EGGS

Boil the required number of eggs till they are hard, and cut them in two. Remove the yolks and pound them with one of the following:—Anchovy essence, minced ham or tongue, savoury paste, pounded sardines, cooked fish, tinned salmon, lobster, crab, &c., cheese (flavoured with a little made mustard).

Allow one small dessertspoonful of meat or fish to one egg. When the two ingredients are thoroughly mixed, season to taste and moisten with melted butter or salad cream.

Cut a small piece off the ends of the whites to make them stand, pile the mixture in them and garnish with red pepper, chopped parsley, or sliced olives.

COLD FISH ROLLS

One pound of cooked fish (tinned salmon is excellent), two ounces of butter, two ounces of flour, half a pint of milk, seasoning and flavouring (parsley, onion, anchovy essence, ketchup, &c.). Make a thick white sauce with the butter, flour, and milk.

Add the fish, which has been finely flaked, seasoning and flavouring and mix well together. Turn on to a plate and leave until quite cold. Form into small rolls, dip in egg and breadcrumbs, and fry until golden brown. Drain very thoroughly and serve cold with mayonnaise.

Edith Rhodes.

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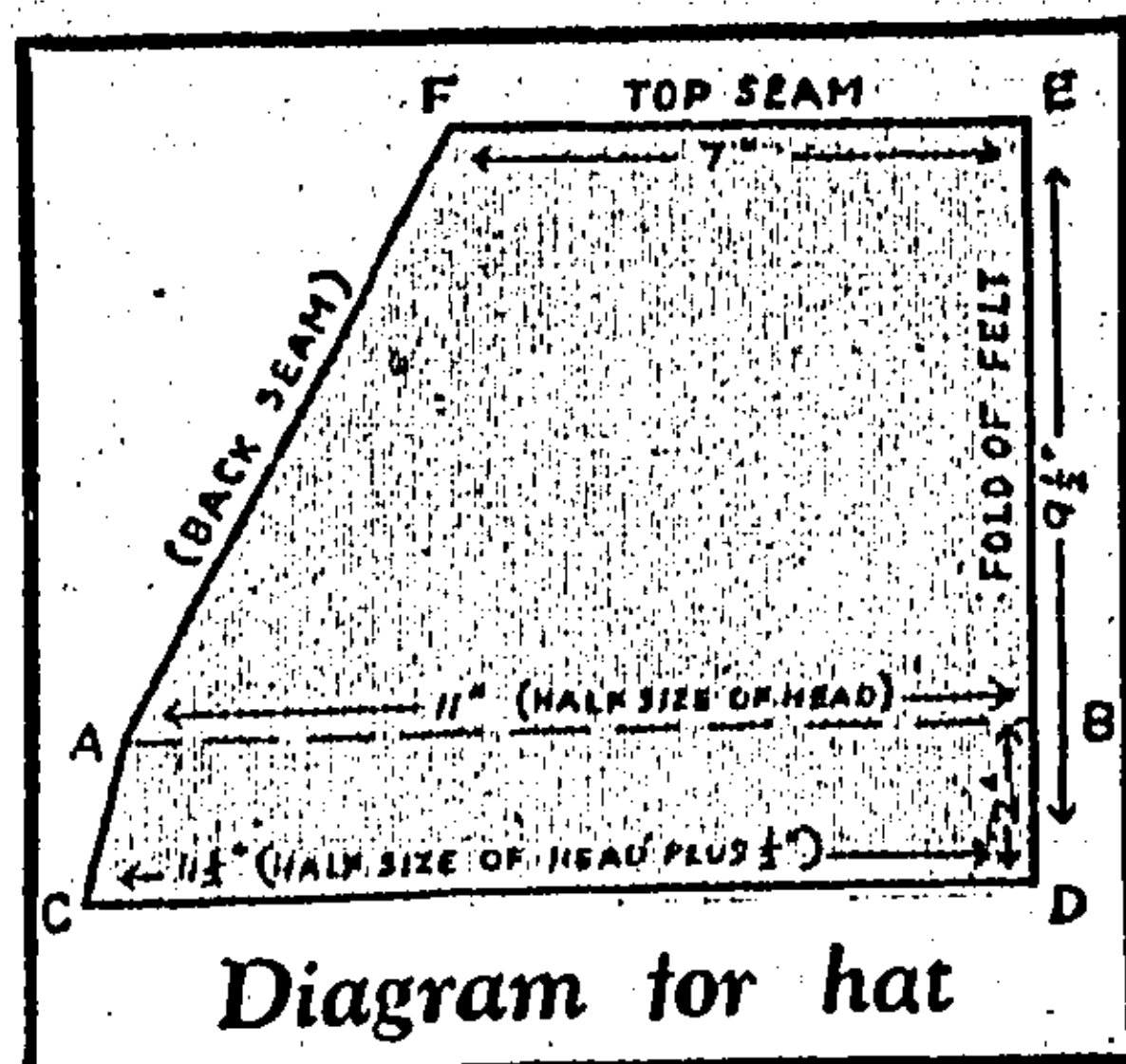


Diagram for hat



Felt Hat and Handbag

Materials

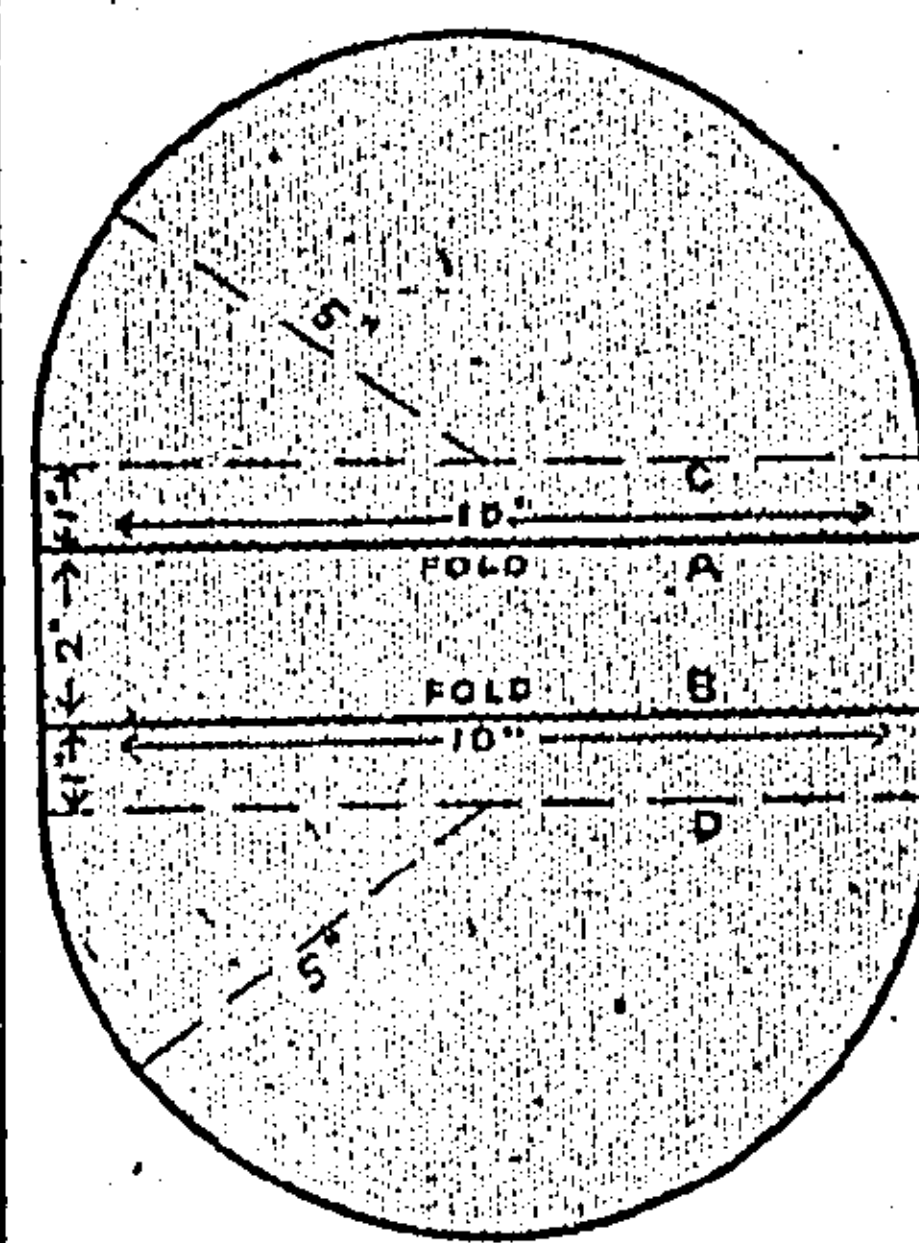
1/2 yd. felt at 3/11 per yd.

3/4 yd. lining for handbag at 1/11 per yd.

3/4 yd. buckram for handbag at 1/3 per yd.

1 zipp fastener.

Diagrams for bag



BAG

Mark out in pencil the pattern of the handbag on the buckram. Draw, following the diagram, two parallel lines, 10in. long and 2in. apart (lines A and B). Above the upper line and below the lower line draw two more lines, C and D, both 10in. long and 1in. from the original parallel lines A and B. These other two lines, C and D, are only guide lines, from the middle of which draw semi-circles 5in. in diameter.

Cut out the buckram along the pencil lines, i.e., leaving no turnings. Cut out in the lining material and in the felt the buckram pattern of the handbag, leaving 1/2in. turnings.

Cut out in felt a strip 3in. by 18in., also with strips 1in. by 15in. for the handles.

Take the buckram pattern and the lining of the handbag and with a hot iron over a wet cloth press the lining

on to the buckram. You will find that the lining will adhere to the buckram. Turn the buckram and lining over and with a hot iron over a wet cloth press the 1/2in. turnings over on to the buckram; they will also stick to the buckram. Fold the buckram and lining along the lines marked "fold," i.e., lines A and B. Take the felt pattern and tack it to the buckram and lining, turning over the lining the 1/2in. turnings. Machine along these turnings about 1/4in. from the edge of the handbag.

Now take the strip of felt 18in. by 3in. and fix the zipp fastener to the centre of it. This will necessitate cutting out a piece of felt 12in. by 12in. from the centre of the strip (see diagram).

Stitch this strip of felt to the handbag, joining the 18in. edges to the semi-circular parts of the handbag (1/2in. turnings are allowed). This must be done by hand.

Take the two strips of felt for the handles, fold them over so that they are only 1/2in. wide and machine along the cut edges. Fix the handles in position.

YOU can make the smart felt hat and handbag set illustrated here by following the simple directions given below and making use of the diagrams, on which all measurements are clearly stated. And the total cost of the set will be two or three dollars.

HAT

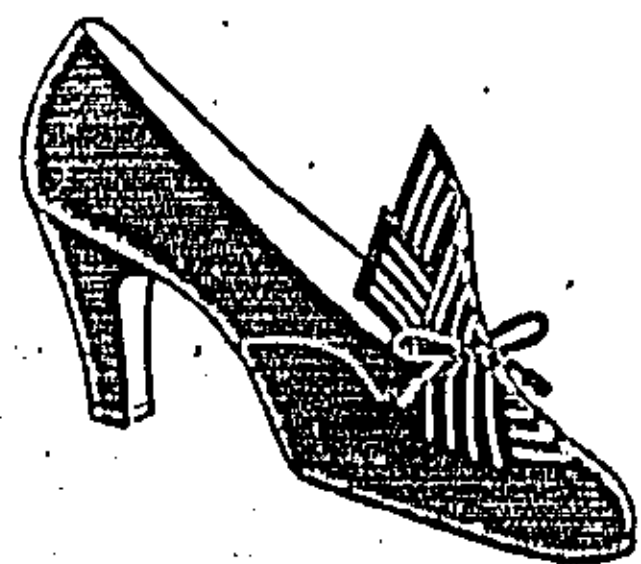
First of all measure your head. The original hat is made to fit a 22in. head. If your head measures 21in. the length of line AB will be 10 1/2in. and CD 11in., but if your head measures 23in. the line AB will measure 11 1/2in. and CD 12in.

Fold the felt, and following the diagram, mark out the hat in chalk measuring the lines from the fold. Draw line CD (bottom of hat). Then 2in. further up the fold draw line AB and then draw line FE (top of hat) 9 1/2in. up the fold. Join the other ends of the lines i.e., points C, A and F.

Cut out the hat. Do not allow turnings as the best way to seam the felt is to oversew the edges together by hand.

Join the back and top seam and turn the hat the right side out. Turn up the bottom of the hat 2in. and put the hat on with the seam at the back. Take the back point at the top of the hat (i.e., point F) and pull it down until it just overlaps the 2in. turn-up at the back seam, and pin. Remove the hat and stitch turn-up. NOTE—When pressing felt never use a damp cloth as the felt will shrink badly.

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Large Band of Foreigners Doing Gallant Work Among Suffering War Refugees

Hankow, Feb. 17.

Several American and Australian women, belonging to an independent "gospel boat mission," who were engaged in relief work among destitute Chinese war refugees along the Yellow River, had a narrow escape from serious injury and possible death when Japanese planes bombed their craft, according to reliable foreign reports received here yesterday from Kaifeng.

Miss Helen Bailey, of North Carolina, who was formerly connected with the Southern Presbyterian Mission, received five slight wounds from bomb splinters and two she-goats belonging to the party were killed.

The women had a terrifying time, for the planes swooped down directly over their heads, unloaded bombs and opened fire with machine-guns.

The Chinese helpers of the mercy party are alleged to have been machine-gunned as they fled to the shelter of trenches near-by, but none was hurt.

Miss Bailey and her companions are among a large band of European and American missionaries who are risking death in the war zones to carry out their work of relief. During the present week, 22 air raid warnings have been sounded at Kaifeng, but hitherto the city has not been attacked, though points close by have been bombed.—Reuter.

BRITISH TRADE DELEGATION

Washington, Feb. 16. The trade negotiations between Great Britain and the United States, which begin as soon as the British experts arrive in Washington, are expected to be completed by late spring. The British delegation, which sailed from Southampton today, includes representatives of the Dominions Office, and of the Fisheries, Agriculture and other Departments affected by the negotiations.—Reuter.

KUNG'S SECRET FLIGHT

FINANCE MINISTER RETURNS TO CHINA

Hankow, Feb. 16. Dr. H. H. Kung, Premier and Finance Minister, returned here by air from Hongkong yesterday after an absence of over a week.

His departure from Hongkong was kept a strict secret, for fear that the Japanese might make a special attempt to shoot down the special plane in which he travelled.

During his visit to Hongkong, Dr. Kung conferred with his brother-in-law, Mr. T. V. Soong, and other prominent Chinese.—Reuter.

Rescue Plane Reaches Soviet Scientists

Moscow, Feb. 16. An aeroplane from the ice-breaker Murman has landed on the ice-floe where four Soviet scientists have been marooned for several months. The plane expects to take the men off at any moment.—Reuter.

NEW COLONIAL APPOINTMENTS

London, Feb. 16. Mr. C. C. Woolley, Colonial Secretary of Jamaica, has been appointed Chief Secretary of Nigeria, succeeding Mr. Maybin, who was recently appointed Governor of Northern Rhodesia.

Dr. A. J. R. O'Brien, present Assistant Medical Adviser at the Colonial Office, who has had a distinguished career as medical officer in the Colonial service, is to succeed Sir Thomas Stanton as Chief Medical Adviser.—British Wireless.

CLOSER RELATIONS FOR AFRICAN COLONIES

London, Feb. 16. His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of a Royal Commission to examine the question of closer relations between Southern and Northern Rhodesia and Nyassaland, with terms of reference made public last November.

Lord Bledisloe, former Governor-General of New Zealand and well-known authority on agricultural questions, will be Chairman. The names of other members are to be announced shortly.—British Wireless.

"CLERK OF THE WEATHER" TO RETIRE

London, Feb. 16. The appointment of a successor to Sir George Simpson, London's "Clerk of the Weather," has been announced. Sir George Simpson, who is retiring in September, will be succeeded as Director of the Meteorological Office by Mr. N. K. Johnson.—British Wireless.

LOYALIST OFFENSIVES IN SPAIN

CLAIM SUCCESSES IN THREE SECTORS

Hendaye, Feb. 16. A Government communiqué states that the Loyalists launched successful offensives on three sectors.

On the Aragon sector they captured Atalaya, taking 150 prisoners, while further south in the Vivelario sector they claim to have taken Piedrahita and three hills south-west of Teruel.

Insurgents, however, claim to have repulsed the Government forces in the Vivelario sector.—United Press.

UNFAIR "NEUTRALITY" New York, Feb. 16. Sixty prominent people, including Henry L. Stimson, the former Secretary of State, have petitioned President Roosevelt, requesting an amendment of the Neutrality Act to make it inapplicable to Spain.

The petition states that such an amendment would be founded on well recognized principles of international law and would be strictly in accordance with historic American foreign policy.

The Neutrality Act as it stands, asserts the petitioners, aids the insurgents because it has deprived the Government of internationally lawful aid.—United Press.

POPE INTERCEDES? London, Feb. 16. Diplomatic circles report that His Holiness the Pope, following suggestions from influential French Catholic groups, has forwarded a letter to General Franco regarding the bombing of civilians in Spain.

The report is at present unconfirmed.—United Press.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

Banks
H.K. Banks, \$1,510 b. c. d.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg), £87 n.
Chartered Banks, £12½ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £20 n.
Metcantile Bank, C., £14 n.
E. Asia Bank, \$82 n.

Insurance
Canton Ins., \$260 n.
Union Ind. Ins., \$140 b.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$240 n.

Shipping
Douglas, \$60 b.
H.K. Steamboats, \$11 n.
Indo-China (Prof.), \$31 n.
Indo-China (Def.), \$43 n.
Shell Boats, \$9½ n.
Union Waterboats, \$9.30 b.

Docks etc.
H.K. & Wharves, \$117 b.
H.K. W. Docks, \$28.00 n.
Providents (old), \$2.55 b.
Providents (new), 65 cts. n.
New Engineering, Sh. \$5 n.

Shanghai Dock, Sh. \$14 n.
Kailan Mining Adm., 14/- n.
Raub, \$7½ n.
Venz Goldfield, \$4 n.
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.

Philippine Mining
Antamoks, P. 65 sa.
Atoks, P. 25½ sa.
Baguio Gold, P. 24 sa.
Benguet Consol., P. 0.80 sa.
Benguet Explor., —

Big Wedge, P. —
Coco Grove, P. .09 sa.
Consolidated Mines, P. —
Demonstrations, P. .44 sa.
E. Mindanao, P. —
Gumaua Goldfields, P. —

Ice Gold, P. 76 sa.
Itogons, P. —
Masbate Consols., P. —
Min. Resources, P. —
Northern Min., P. —
Paracale Gumous, P. .28 sa.

San Mateo, P. 73 sa.
Suyoc Consol., P. .22 sa.
United Paracales, P. .50 sa.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$6.25 b. and sa.
H.K. Lands, \$33½ n.
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Shal Lands, Sh. \$8½ n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —
Humphries, \$2½ n.
H.K. Raffles, \$5.10 sa.

Chinese Estates, \$88 n.
China Realities, Sh. —
China Deben, —

Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways, \$15.25 s.
Peak Trams (old), \$8½ b.
Peak Trams (new), \$3½ s.

Star Ferries, \$83½ n.
Yumail Ferries (old), \$25½ b.
China Light (old), \$10.70 b.
China Light (new), \$7.45 b.

H.K. Electric, \$80½ sa.
Macao Electric, \$19½ s.
Sandakan Lights, \$14½ n.
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H.K. Ropes, \$4.50 b.
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Dairy Farm, \$25.25 sa.
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Lane Crawfords, \$7 n.
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Wing On (H.K.), \$30 n.
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Britain To Combat Propaganda

Seeks to Spread News and Views Around World

London, Feb. 16.

The lack of British news going abroad was drawn to the attention of the House of Commons to-night by Mr. John Lees-Jones, Union member for Manchester, who moved a resolution asking the Government to give its full weight or moral and financial support to schemes to further the wider and more effective presentation of British news and views and culture overseas.

Mr. Lees-Jones argued that world conditions had changed owing to the replacement of democratic governments by dictatorships and the creation of ministries of propaganda and subsidised and controlled news services had either entirely suppressed British views or perverted their meaning to give an entirely erroneous impression of British opinion.

Lieut.-Commander Reginald Fletcher, R.N. (Retired), Labourite, urged that in order to compete with foreign news agencies British agencies would have to have access to cheap radio transmission or cheap cable rates, comparable to charges for radio transmission in other countries.

The news services operating in the Far East at this moment could not possibly compete if they were not subsidised; and some of them were deliberately used to damage British interests in that area, he said.

Lieut.-Commander Fletcher added that it was only Reuter's reputation for reliability and impartiality, and political and financial independence which prevented the final disappearance of British-handled news from the Far East. They could not go on indefinitely, and if British news was not to be ousted from the Far East the Government must find a way of sending the news service just as comprehensively and just as cheaply as other foreign services.

Must Avoid Error

Moreover, this had to be done without importing into British news services those defects which are so often associated with Government subsidised services. He believed, said Lieut.-Commander Fletcher, that this could be accomplished if the problem were to be tackled, because even during the Great War Reuter's service maintained its reputation for impartiality.

Lord Winterton, speaking for the Government, said the House should bear in mind the very proper limitations imposed by the British democratic constitution which prevented anything like censorship of news and a traditional reputation for fairness and moderation in statement, which had always been a bulwark of British prestige abroad.

Competition Considered

Dealing with the question of telegraphed news from Grant, which was subject to increasing competition from big foreign telegraph agencies, Lord Winterton said the problem would receive consideration by the Cabinet Committee dealing with the matter.

Broadly speaking, the object of the Committee was to consider the supply of British news telegraphed abroad and its adequacy. The Committee was not likely to be able to complete its labour for two or three months. It was difficult, until the Committee reported, to say anything further on the subject.

Replying to criticisms from abroad regarding the establishment of the Van Sittart Committee, Lord Winterton assured the House that the object was to instruct the country not to hide its light under a bushel. There was much to reveal that might be useful to those who had not been accustomed to look under a bushel, he added.

Motion Amended, Carried

Mr. Lees-Jones' motion was amended and carried unanimously in the following terms:

"That, having regard to the increasing activities of certain foreign governments in the field of propaganda, political and cultural, by means of press news, broadcasting and films, this House, being of the opinion that evil effects of state propaganda of tendentious or misleading character can best be countered not by retaliation but by widespread dissemination of straight-forward information and news based on enlightened and honest public policy, urges the Government to give the full weight of its moral and financial support to schemes to further the wider and more effective presentation of news, views and culture abroad."—Reuter.

Wing On Textiles, Sh. —
Miscellaneous
H.K. Entertainments, \$6.25 b.
Constructions, \$1½ n.
Vibro Piling, \$8 n.
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H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan par n.
Wallace Harpers, \$8½ n.
Marsmans Ins. (Lon.), s/- 10/6 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.), s/- 0/- b.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN INDIA

POLITICAL PRISONERS WON'T BE RELEASED

London, Feb. 16.

The question of a new political situation in India consequent on the resignation of Congress Ministers in the United Provinces and Bihar was raised in the House of Commons this afternoon after a recapitulation of recent events by Lord Winterton, Under-Secretary of State for India.

Lord Winterton said that the Governor General, who was specially responsible for preventing any grave menace to the peace and tranquillity of India, had decided that he could not agree to an immediate and indiscriminate body of legally convicted prisoners, who included terrorists with the worst of police records.

He was satisfied, and the Marquis of Zetland was in complete agreement with him, that adoption of the proposals of the Ministries of these two Provinces would be attended by the gravest risk to peace and tranquillity.

Lord Winterton added that the Provincial Governors were prepared to deal with the cases of prisoners at present not released on the basis of individual scrutiny, but the Ministries of both Provinces were not content with this procedure. They proposed to release all the remaining so-called political prisoners, regardless of the nature and circumstances of their crimes.—Reuter.

GRAVE CONSEQUENCES

Haripur, Feb. 16. Mahatma Gandhi, who is at Haripur attending the annual Congress meeting, told Reuter this morning that the action of the Governor General in refusing to grant an amnesty for the rest of the political prisoners, as demanded by the Bihar Ministry, might entail a crisis the consequences of which no one could forecast.

He added that the discharged of a few prisoners, even though they were convicted of crimes that included terrorism, could not endanger India's peace and tranquillity. The Mahatma said that the prisoners had assured the President of the Ministry that their convictions had been changed since their imprisonment, and that their only desire was to live the life of peaceful citizens.—Reuter.

Anglo-Irish Negotiations To Continue

London, Feb. 16. The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, informed the House of Commons to-day that Mr. Eamon de Valera, President of Eire, and his colleagues would return to London on February 21 for a resumption of negotiations.

Reuter learns that experts' views on questions regarding trade matters and financial disputes will be considered when the conference resumes. No draft agreement has yet been prepared. It is expected that next Monday's meeting will show whether an agreement is possible or not.—Reuter.

EXCHANGE

Selling

T.T. London 1s. 2½
T.T. Amsterdam 1s. 2½
T.T. Shanghai 104½
T.T. Singapore 104½
T.T. Japan 109½
T.T. India 82
T.T. U.S.A. 31½
T.T. Manila 62½
T.T. Batavia 55½
T.T. Bangkok 149½
T.T. Saigon 93½
T.T. France 0.40
T.T. Germany 76½
T.T. Switzerland 133½
T.T. Australia 1/6½

Buying

4 m/s L/C London 1/3½
4 m/s D/P do. 1/3½/32
4 m/s L/C U.S.A. 31½
4 m/s France 10.00
30 d/s India 83½
U.S. Cross rate in London 5.02½

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

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Aniamok 25
Atok 25
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Benguet Consolidated 25
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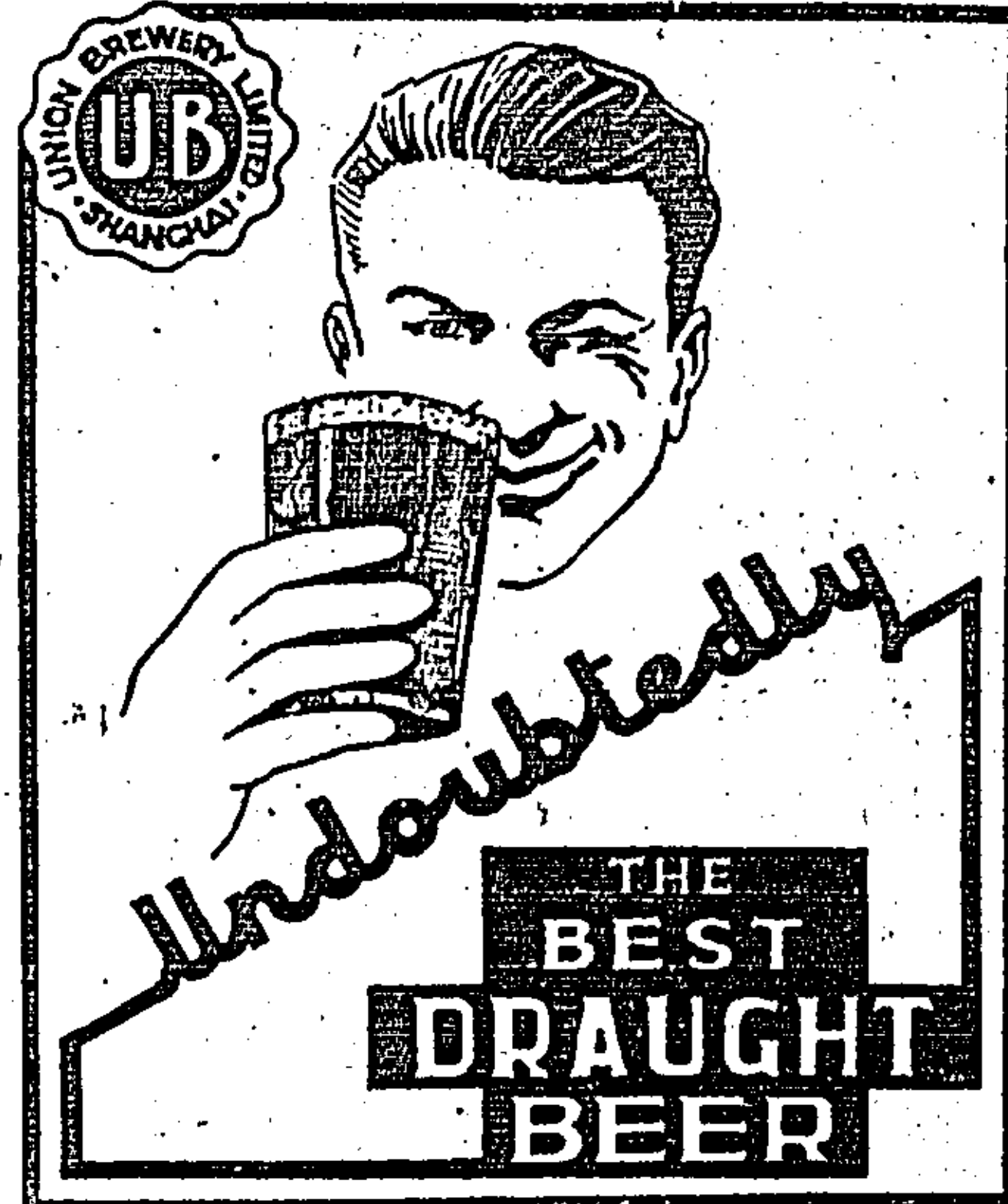
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Trade Pact To Be Completed This Spring

Washington, Feb. 16.
It is believed the United States and Great Britain will have worked out the details of their trade agreement by late spring.

In the meantime, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, says that preliminary conferences will not interfere with a full analysis of the proposed rates on all articles to be included. A staff of British experts is coming to the United States merely to engage in general preliminary discussions.

The Department of Commerce reveals that the United States' exports to Britain in 1937 totalled \$534,664,000, or 21 per cent. above those of 1936. Imports from Britain totalled only \$202,771,000, or one per cent. above 1936.—United Press.

Tokyo's Note Satisfies Washington

Tokyo, Feb. 17.
The hope that press reports of Mr. Cordell Hull's satisfaction with the Japanese reply to the American note concerning the protection of American rights in China were true, was expressed by a spokesman of the Foreign Office today.

Reports in the metropolitan press said that Mr. Hull had indicated that the American Government would address no further notes on the matter to Tokyo.

The spokesman said he had received no reports on the subject, but hoped the matter would be settled in that way.—Reuter.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of Exchange business on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 21st, 22nd and 23rd February, 1938. (RACE MEETING).
Hongkong, 14th February, 1938.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 26th February, 1938, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

The Registrar of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 14th February to Saturday, the 26th February, 1938, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 7th February, 1938.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL SHOW of FLOWERS and VEGETABLES will be held at ST. JOHN'S PLACE (opposite the lower Peak Tram Station) on THURSDAY, the 3rd March, 1938, from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and FRIDAY, the 4th March, 1938, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ENTRIES WILL DEFINITELY CLOSE at the Hon. Secretary's Office, Stock Exchange Building, Ice House Street, at NOON on THURSDAY, the 24th February, 1938, but intending exhibitors are requested to SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

MEMBERS who have not yet paid their subscriptions and ALL THOSE who wish to join the Society are requested to send \$5.00 to the UNDERSIGNED.

J. T. BAGRAM,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1938.

THE WEATHER

Highest February Temperature In 5 Years

YESTERDAY'S HEAT WAS NEAR COLONY RECORD

Yesterday's unseasonal weather brought Hongkong its hottest February day in five years, and the maximum temperature of 78, recorded at 2 p.m., was only 1.4 degrees below the highest ever recorded in February.

During the 24 hours ending 10 a.m. to-day temperature varied from 70 degrees, highest since November 2, to 55 degrees, lowest since the beginning of last week.

At noon to-day it was still 18 degrees below the highest temperature recorded yesterday.

This is how—the crazy mercury gave us almost every season of the year during the past 24 hours.

TEMPERATURE

Wednesday	To-day
1 p.m. 72	1 a.m. 62
2 p.m. 78	2 a.m. 60
3 p.m. 76	3 a.m. 59
4 p.m. 74	4 a.m. 58
5 p.m. 72	5 a.m. 57
6 p.m. 69	6 a.m. 57
7 p.m. 69	7 a.m. 57
8 p.m. 68	8 a.m. 57
9 p.m. 65	9 a.m. 56
10 p.m. 65	10 a.m. 57
11 p.m. 63	11 a.m. 58
12 a.m. 62	Noon 60

With the exception of one day in February, 1933, yesterday's maximum of 78 degrees was the highest recorded in the second month of the year since 1923—15 years ago—when the record of 70.4 was attained on February 14.

Humidity has dropped appreciably since Monday, when 85 per cent was recorded, the percentage at 10 o'clock this morning being 61.

This morning's northerly and northeasterly winds, with generally cloudy conditions, are forecast for the next 24 hours.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong radio to-day.
Luchow; President Doumer; Victoria; G. G. Paul Doumer; Delagosa Maru; Jeppore; Yingchow; Hiram; Aramis; Hongkong; Haiyang; Soli; Dunera; Minoo Maru; Carthage; Pingwo; Empress of Japan; President Grant; Greystoke Castle; Empress of Canada.

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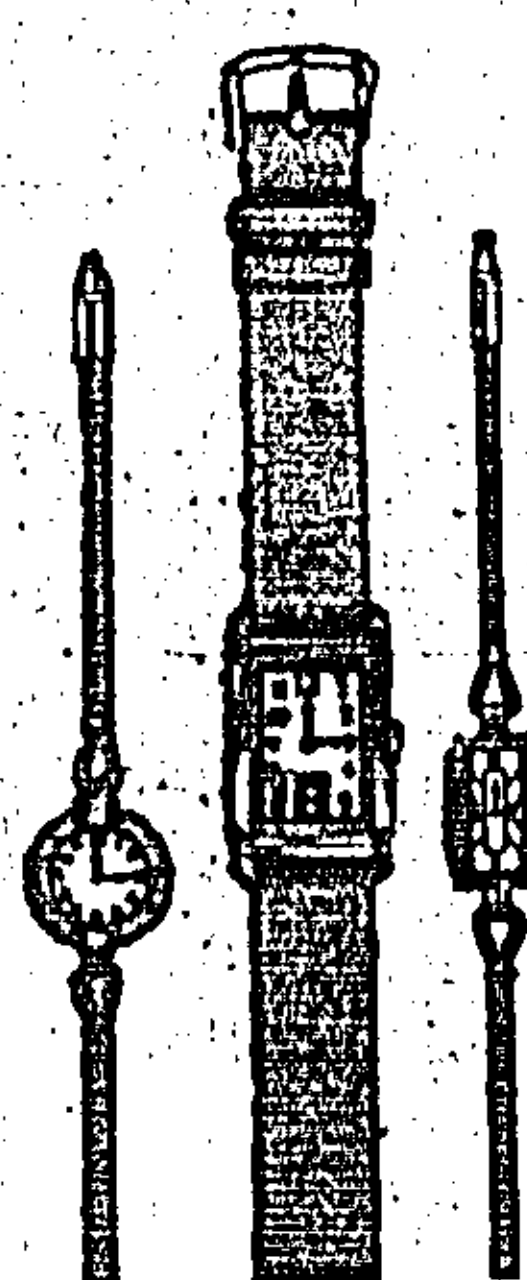
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Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via Saigon, etc., arrived Hongkong on Wednesday, 16th February, 1938. Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
All claims must be sent in to me on or before 26th February, 1938, or they will not be recognized.
Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 22nd February, 1938.
Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.
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Hongkong, 16th February, 1938.

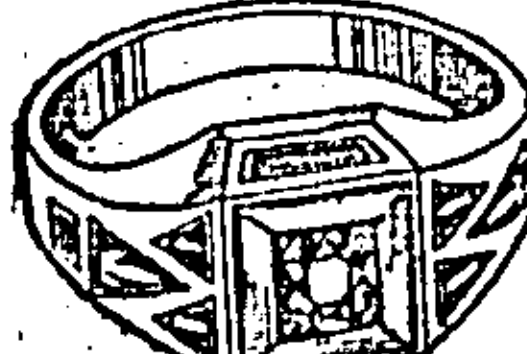
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Case No. A.2249
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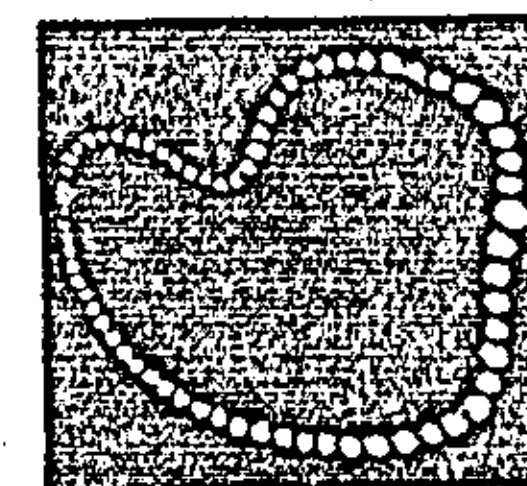
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Until further notice rubble depositing operations will take place in the Harbour within a rectangle 1,000 feet by 400 feet marked by four buoys painted green and white and anchored in the following positions:

1. 22 degrees 17 min. 23 sec. N. 114 degrees 9 min. 52 1/2 sec. E.
2. 22 degrees 17 min. 20 sec. N. 114 degrees 9 min. 40 1/2 sec. E.
3. 22 degrees 17 min. 32 1/2 sec. N. 114 degrees 9 min. 57 sec. E.
4. 22 degrees 17 min. 29 1/2 sec. N. 114 degrees 10 min. 0 sec. E.

All shipping is forbidden to pass over this area or between any of the above mentioned buoys.

MUI-TSAI NOT REGISTERED

A caution was administered to Lai Hang, 60, a widow, who was charged before Mr. T. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning with keeping an unregistered mui-tsai, Wong Lin-kwai, alias Wong So-mui, 12, at No. 191 Wanchai Road, ground floor.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs said he was visiting No. 191 Wanchai Road, first floor, where there was a suspected mui-tsai, when his attention was drawn to the ground floor residence. He went there, found the girl who was working with an amah and a cook.

The girl had been presented to relatives of defendant when she was five years old, and had later been transferred to defendant. She was very well-treated, and had ample food and clothing, and did not wish to leave the woman's charge.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Feb. 15	Feb. 16
Paris	152.27/32	152.57/4
Geneva	21.60 1/2	21.60
Berlin	12.41 1/2	12.42
Athens	54.7 1/2	54.7 1/2
Milan	95 1/2	95 1/2
Oslo	19.90	19.90
Copenhagen	22.42	22.42
Stockholm	19.40	19.40
Helsingfors	22.0 1/2	22.0 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York	5.02 1/2	5.03 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	8.97	8.98 1/2
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1/3	1/3
Bombay	1/8 1/2	1/8 1/2
Montreal	5.03 1/2	5.03 1/2
Brussels	29.57 1/2	29.57 1/2
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	216	216
Bucharest	677 1/2	677 1/2
Montevideo	21 1/2	21 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	2.27/32	2 1/2
Silver (spot)	20 1/2	20
Silver (forward)	19 1/2	19 1/2
War Loan	103 1/2	103 1/2

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Amoy	Yochow	February 17.
Straits	Bangalore	February 18.
Calcutta and Straits	Kulsang	February 18.
Amoy and Swatow	Luchow	February 18.
Japan	G.G. Paul Doumer	February 18.
Haliphong	Nanchang	February 19.
Swatow	Pres. Doumer	February 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Soochow	February 19.
Shanghai and Swatow		

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Thursday		
Manila, Australia and New Zealand Change	Thurs.	Feb. 17.
via Thursday Island—due Thurs-	Parcel	Feb. 17, 3 p.m.
day, Island, 1st March	Reg.	Feb. 17, 4.15 p.m.
Japan	Ord.	Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
	Atsuta Maru	Thurs., Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Friday		
Sandakan	Hinsang	Fri., Feb. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Eurasia Plane		Fri., Feb. 18.
Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow)		
the "Eurasia Airways Service"		
(To further points by surface transport as Services permit).		
Shanghai and Japan	Kalsar-I-Hind	Fri., Feb. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Nanchang		Fri., Feb. 18, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Nanchang	Fri., Feb. 18, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hal Tan	Fri., Feb. 18, 3 p.m.
Swatow	Hal Tan	Fri., Feb. 18.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, C.N.A.C. Plane		
Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service"		
	Reg.	Feb. 18, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 18, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Feb. 18, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 18, 6 a.m.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Carthage		Fri., Feb. 18.
South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Parcels	Feb. 18, 5.00 p.m.
—Due Marseilles, 18th March	Reg.	Feb. 19, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 19, 10.30 a.m.

Saturday

Samshul and Wuchow	Kongso	Sat., Feb. 19, 8.15 a.m.
Tientsin	Tientsin	Sat., Feb. 19, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Sat., Feb. 19, 10 a.m.
Air Mail for L.M. Airways Carthage		Sat., Feb. 19.
Service—due Amsterdam, 27th February		
	Reg.	Feb. 19, 9.30 a.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 19, 10.00 a.m.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Victoria		Sat., Feb. 19.
Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples, 12th March.	Reg.	Feb. 19, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.	Feb. 19, 5 p.m.

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SIRHANNA	8,000	3rd Mar.	Amoy & Japan.
NALDERA	10,000	4th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
NANKIN	7,000	18th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
RANPURA	17,000	19th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
*BHUTAN	6,000	19th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
SHIRALA	8,000	17th Mar.	Amoy & Japan.

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Japan Tries To Prove Her Goodwill

Tokyo, Feb. 17.
With the aim of giving the Chinese people "an object lesson of Japanese goodwill towards the civilian population," the Government intends to appropriate funds for the relief of Chinese non-combatants. Mr. Koki Hirota revealed in the Upper House of the Diet last night.

In making the announcement the Foreign Minister said he concurred with Baron Ohkura that by relief work in China the Chinese could best be taught to realize the Japanese stand in the current incident. Replying to Baron Ohkura's interpellation, Mr. Hirota said the Foreign Office intended to supplement the cultural and other activities already carried on in China. The troops were already doing useful work, mainly in restoring peace and order. The Foreign Office was now seeking the co-operation of private organizations for assisting in the rehabilitation of areas devastated by the conflict, he said.—Reuter.

WEIHWEE FALLS TO JAPANESE ASSAULT

(Continued from Page 1.)

unit has entered Tamingtu in south Hopei.—Central News.

Japanese Advance Slowed Down

Hsuehchow, Feb. 17.
Japanese advance on both the southern and northern sectors of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway has been considerably slowed down by Chinese guerrilla activities as well as the stubborn resistance put up by the regular troops, say military sources. Though the Japanese on the southern sector have crossed the Hwai River, the Chinese recapture of Kao-cheng and Shungyao and their fierce counter-offensive against Hwaiyuan and Tingyuan have created a great menace in the rear. As a result, the Japanese have been compelled to withdraw a part of the troops from the north bank of the Hwai River to meet the emergency on the south bank.

Military reports just received state that a Chinese guerrilla unit entered Mingkwang, 105 kilometres north of Pukow, yesterday afternoon. As a result, Japanese communications between Pukow and Linhwaiyuan on the railway have been disrupted. On the northern sector of the railway the Chinese troops are vigorously closing in on Lianghsien and Tsowhsien. The recapture of Teling on the left flank has dealt a heavy blow to the Japanese.—Central News.

Additional Gains Claimed

Shanghai, Feb. 17.
A Japanese Army spokesman today declared that besides Weihsuei, occupied on February 15, attacking troops had also taken Fengku, close to the north bank of the Yellow River, and near the Peking-Hankow railway line. The Japanese were yesterday reported to be mopping up in Wanhsien, south-east from Wuhu, and bombing Fanchang, 28 miles south of Wuhu as well as Nanling, indicating that an effort is being made to relieve the Chinese pressure designed to divert Japanese attention from the Lungai railway.—United Press.

BRITISH ANTI-JAPANESE BOYCOTT MOVEMENT NOT LIKELY TO BE OFFICIAL, SAYS NEW AMBASSADOR

(Continued from Page 1.)

House where the Ambassador will stay while he is in Hongkong. The new Ambassador succeeded Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Bullington, who was wounded in an air attack last August on the Nanking-Shanghai road. Sir Archibald Clark Kerr has been Ambassador to Baghdad since 1935. In 1929, while Minister to Chili, he married Senorita Maria Dias Salas, described as "the most beautiful girl in Santiago."

Prior to sailing for China, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr devoted several weeks to an intensive study of the Far Eastern situation. The new Ambassador to China is a man with an attractive personality and a simple direct manner. Physically active and vigorous, he impresses as a man of keen insight and resolute character. His personal tastes are stated to be most catholic.

Sir Archibald is a keen sports and shooting enthusiast and also a devotee of literature and a particular admirer of the modern school of poetry. He is keenly looking forward to his anxious but stimulating duties in China.

NO WIDER REPRESENTATION WANTED YET

London, Feb. 16.
Asked in the House of Commons if the Government were prepared to revise the Constitution of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements to make it more representative of the inhabitants the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. W. Ormsby Gore, said he was not aware of the need or desire for any wider representation in the Legislative Council.—British Wireless.



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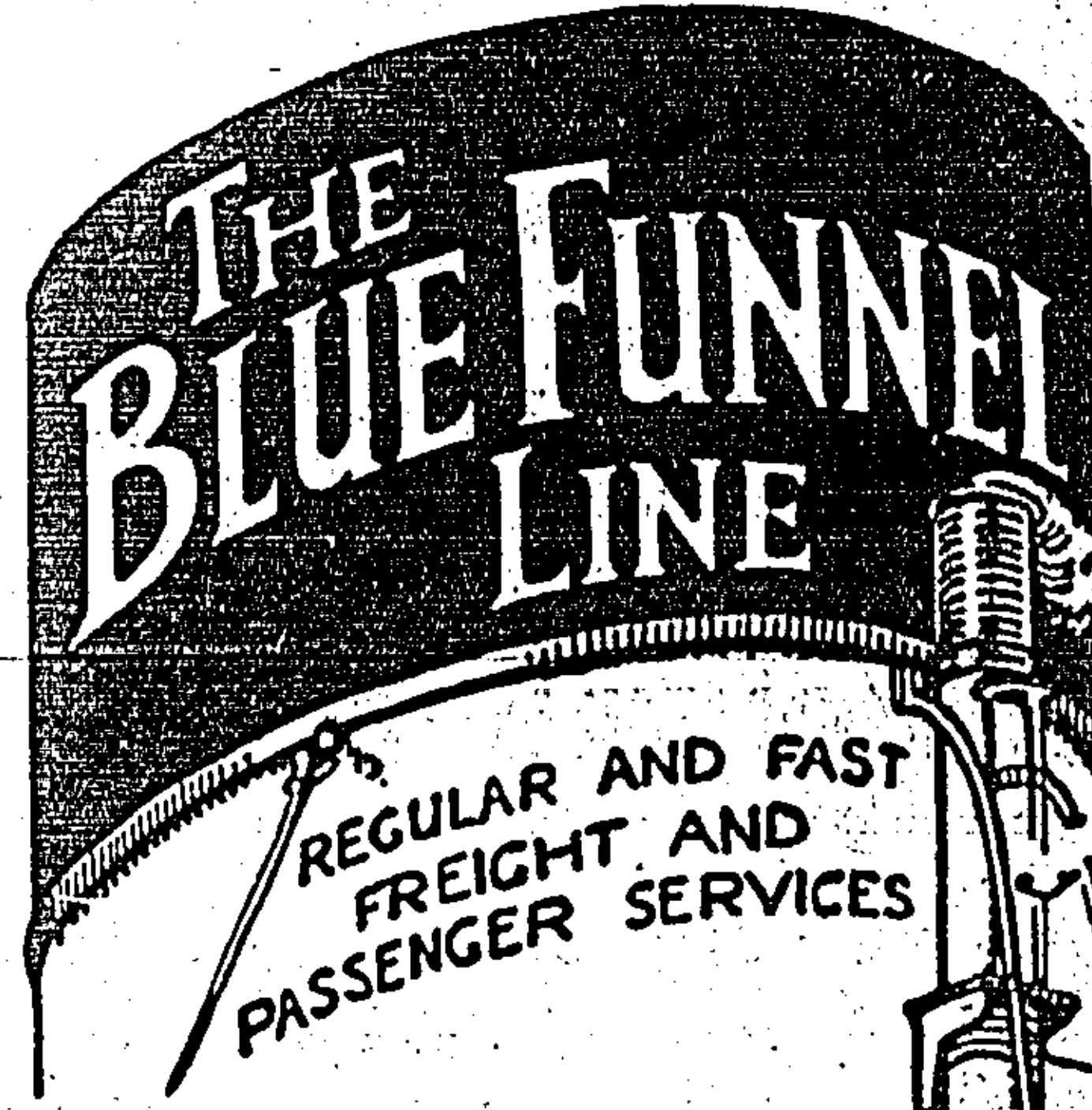
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STOLE CLOTHES FROM SERVANTS

Before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, Leung Tin, 22, unemployed, was charged with larceny of six pieces of clothing from the servants' quarters of No. 10 May Road, on February 15.

Detective-Sergeant Dowman said that two Chinese detectives met defendant near May Road yesterday, on searching him three pawn tickets were found in his possession. Defendant admitted he had stolen the clothing and pawned it.

Sentence of a month's hard labour was passed. The tickets were ordered to be returned to the complainants, house boys employed at No. 10 May Road.

KILLED IN FALL FROM LORRY

Resulting from a fall from a motor lorry at the entrance to the Vehicular

forry wharf yesterday, Yeung Chi, 40, suffered an injury to his head

and was removed to the Queen Mary Hospital, where he died shortly after admission.

An eight-year-old boy, Lau Kai-wing, was taken to the same hospital

after he was knocked down by a motor cycle driven by Police Sergeant L. C. Pennell in Wyndham Street yesterday.

A girl, Chan Yuk-sin, six, was also

removed to hospital after being

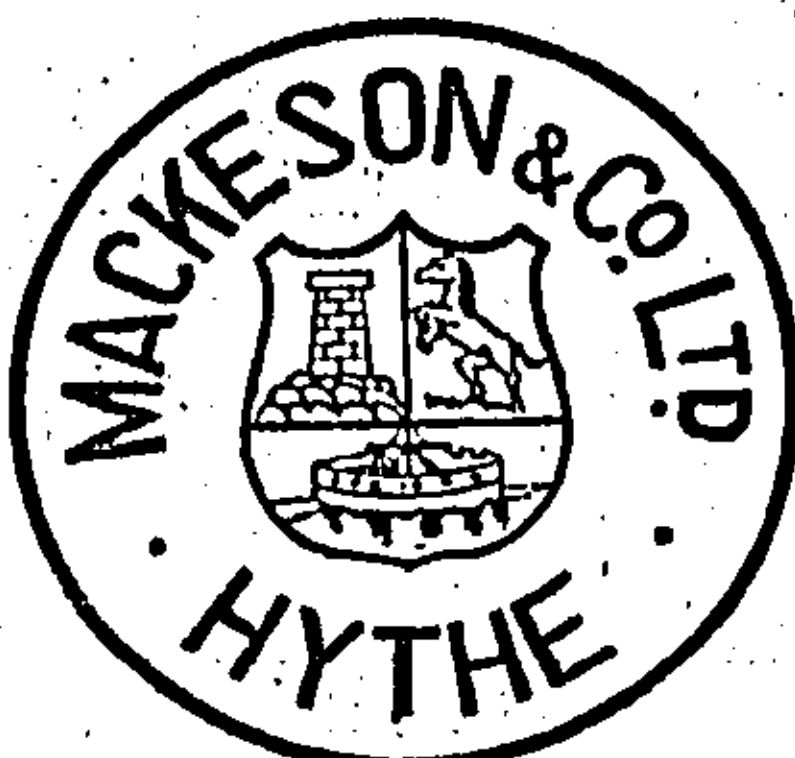
knocked down by a private car driven

by Mr. Chu Chung-lan at Taihu Road.

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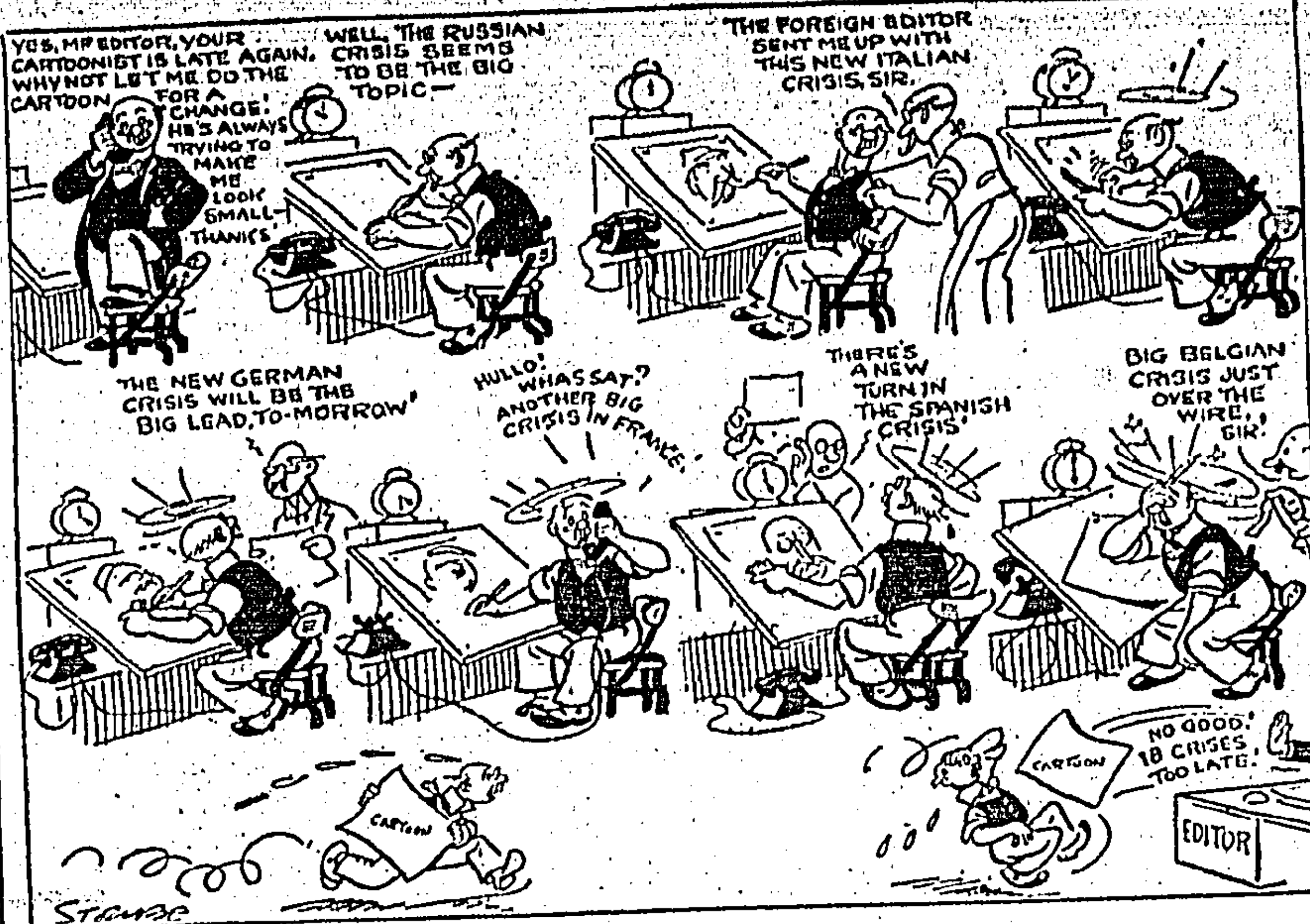
GERMAN ACTION MAY HAVE WIDE REPERCUSSIONS

Hitler, by all accounts, has struck another blow for German prestige and power in Central Europe. According to despatches he has completely broken the resistance of Austria to Nazi influence, and in one series of swift manoeuvres, backed by a display of German might, has bent Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg to his will.

There will be no denial of the daring of the German action, though as a strategy it lacks finesse. It is reminiscent of a victory bought by the mashing of troops against a thinly-held line of enemy soldiers, and literally by weight crushing the defence. Austria, never in a position to seriously resist a threat of German violence since the Great War, had no alternative but to surrender. Vienna dared not call the German move a bluff.

Italy's reaction is not yet clear. It may be that this manoeuvre was known to Rome even before the Budapest conferences; and it is also possible that von Schuschnigg himself was aware of the German intention. It may have been worked out by the leaders of the Rome-Berlin axis and the collaboration of Vienna obtained. There is significance in the fact that Italy has not attempted to restrain Hitler as she did not so long ago when Germany threatened to put the Nazis into power in Vienna. The Italians marched to the frontier, then. And the significance of the German display of military strength on the Austrian frontier may not have been directed against von Schuschnigg, but against the Vaterlandische Front.

There is, on the face of it, little to be gained by Germany in lifting Austria into power, except, of course, the strengthening of the anti-Communist bloc. It is probable that Austria will now swing into line with those allies who have made anti-communism their common policy. But to say that this development has been accomplished without shaking political Europe more deeply than any mere anti-Soviet recruitment would have done, would be



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Must We Build Bigger Warships?

By Commander
**Russell
Grenfell**

IS the day of the bigger battleship approaching?

From Tokyo come persistent reports that the Japanese navy is laying down battleships of over 40,000 tons.

In Washington the House of Representatives has just passed Roosevelt's new \$110,000,000 bill for naval construction.

The principal naval Powers, including Japan, bound themselves by the Washington Treaty of 1922 not to build battleships of more than 35,000 tons.

Britain, France and the United States renewed this undertaking in 1936, but Japan refused to participate. Now London and Washington—if not Paris—are considering whether they can be any longer bound by the Treaty limits.

If Japan were to build ships of over 40,000 tons while we retained the 35,000 tons limit, ship for ship, her new battleships would be superior to ours.

Given competent construction, the power of a ship varies with her size. The bigger the ship the larger or more numerous the guns you can put into her, or the thicker the armour or the higher the speed.

That being so it is no use building a ship of 35,000 tons in reply to one of 40,000 tons. Something as large or larger would be necessary.

Nevertheless, ships of over 40,000 tons, or even of 35,000 tons, are very large and very costly things, so costly that a nation can only afford a few of them.

For this reason there is a school of thought that holds that battleship size has reached its effective limit and that the right reply to a foreign ship of 40,000 tons is two of about 25,000 tons.

Until the exact reactions of the powers can be ascertained it will be impossible to make accurate predictions. But it is not improbable that Jugo-Slavian and Czechoslovakian leaders will hasten to confer with a view to meeting the possibility of further German expansion and a general upheaval in Central Europe.

As for France and Britain, it is obvious that they will not be particularly pleased. And their response to what may be interpreted as a challenge in one of several ways, and the counter-diplomacy of Moscow, will have a bearing on future developments.

Of course, this may be just another move in a game already thought out to its conclusion; or it may be designed to distract attention of the Mediterranean, or Spain, or China. Who knows. In any event the repercussions will be widely felt, and no-one yet dares say what may be the outcome.

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The British and American fleets together would, in fact, be amply strong enough. But have they bases from which they could operate effectively against the Japanese navy?

The recently completed base at Singapore is available for the British fleet. The Americans are even better off. The Philippines are unusually well provided with possible bases. Manila harbour, in particular, could accommodate all the fleets in the world and is covered by powerful batteries.

The most promising courses of action for the two fleets would be either for the American fleet to go to the Philippines and the British to Singapore; or for the British fleet to join the American at the Philippines.

The disadvantage of the former course is that the two fleets would be over a thousand miles apart.

Under the latter course, both fleets would be sharing the same burden and the combined fleet would be so powerful as to be unchallengeable. Singapore and other British and Imperial territories to the southward would be covered as effectively from Manila as from further south.

The great merit of an Anglo-American meeting at Manila would be the very important moral effect that would almost certainly be produced, partly by the junction of the two fleets into one overwhelming force, but even more by the evidence before the whole world of the complete identification of the aims and interests of the two great nations thus acting in close accord.

The presence of American cruisers at the official opening of the Singapore base on Monday was a happy omen for this co-operation.

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THE "VERY IDEA"

JUST AN OLD-TIME PIRATE, THAT'S US!

By Cap'n Eddie Kelly, Kilda

OUR rent has just been raised by \$20 a month so to-day we have decided to write about pirates.

When we were a pirate, having served our time with the electric light and gas companies, we were the soul of courtesy. For a start, we never pirated women or young girls—using the word "pirate" in the literal sense, of course.

We soon found that this knightly courtesy didn't pay. The cringing male passengers used to pass their valuables over to their wives. We had an idea one day when we were sitting by the campfire in our lair at Blas Bay with our gang standing to attention in the background. "To the boats!" we cried. We used to cry something fierce in those days.

A funny thing happened to us a few moments ago. A chap came in and said he was the sheriff from the Hongkong Hotel. We know he was lying because the sheriff from the Hongkong Hotel gave up coming to see us months ago.

Eh? Oh, pirates! Yes, of course.

We first started out on a life of crime when we were deported from our home to a nearby school.

We became the head of our class in no time. Here we want to pay tribute to the studious chap with the long legs and glasses who sat next to us in the class-room. We ran neck and neck for top marks, when he went and died of chicken-pox, and we immediately fell back to the bottom of the class.

That chap is still mooning around the office, with a bundle of chits in his hands. It's touching, really, the way these people want to press their attentions on we famous people.

Don't get impatient. We're coming back to the pirate part any minute.

Having been expelled from school with honours the choice of a career was our first thought. Whether to work in Ice House Street, become a banker, a dispensing chemist, a landlord or a comrade, that was the question.

We decided to combine the lot, and become a pirate.

Our most celebrated exploit was the holding up of the Empress of Russia in 1835.

She wasn't a bad sort of an Empress as Royalty goes, but the Empress got to hear about it and there was a Dickens of a row.

It was broad daylight when she rounded Lyceum Point, and we can see to this day the look of terror on the face of the captain as we left our ambush and said in loud, ringing tones, "WHOA!" We were sorry we left our ambush, because what we went back we could never find it again. It was a nice ambush, too, we always wore it in the winter, and its fur-lining used to keep our throat warm.

We were talking about pirates, weren't we?

All right! All right! There was the Empress, with its terrified passengers covering in their cabins, while smoke drifted lazily from its funnels into the frosty morning air. (That's not a bad bit.)

The captain said: "What's the meaning of this outrage?" "Oh, you shut up!" we said, in our wild, hot-tempered way.

There's a mad streak in us that makes us say things like that. Mind you, we're sorry for it afterwards, but we just can't help ourselves.

The passengers lined up on the boat deck with their hands up while we went through their pockets and reticules. (We got it a long time since you heard that word.) We dare say there's a lot of you girls who don't know what a reticule is! It is the name of a small handbag carried by ladies in the 80's in the pre-lipstick era, and it had a small mirror in it and a powder puff and a rouge box and a comb, and a postage stamp, and a ruler, and a pen, and a pencil and a dance programme.

Anyway, we're fed up telling you about pirates. Come up and let us demonstrate sometime.

"Skull!" (Norwegian for something or the other).

IRISH WIT AND HUMOUR

"COME here, Mick Maloney, ye there?" "Yes, Patrick." "And will all of us Catholics be there too?" "Yes, Patrick, all of us." "But, father, what about the Orangemen?" "The Orangemen," replied the priest quietly, "will also be there."

"Will they, beaded?" shouted Pat. "Then it's little business will be done the first day, I'm thinkin'."

An Irish padre was trying to get some money to repair a hole in the roof of the church, and asked Pat for a contribution.

"Ach, your Reverence," said Pat, "it's a sorry a penny piece of money I have, but it's pleased an' proud I'll be to give me services."

"But," queried the padre, "what do you mean by giving your services? You are not a mason, but next Sunday if it's raining, my mass will be willed to all of the hole!"

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Kwangsi Troops Outwit Japanese Attackers

LI CHUNG-JEN'S STRATEGY ENDS STEADY ADVANCE

Kwangsi Troops Fighting Most Furious Action Since Shanghai Battles

"THIS TIME THINGS ARE BETTER," VETERAN TROOPS TELL FOREIGN JOURNALIST

Hsuehchow, Feb. 17.

The favourite Japanese tactics of outflanking the Chinese armies have at present run foul of the strategy of General Li Chung-jen, the wily warrior from Kwangsi. The march of the Japanese army in Anhwei, towards Hsuehchow, has struck a snag and come to a standstill. The Chinese have counter-attacked to the south, along the Tientsin-Pukow line, and the Japanese are retreating towards the Hwai River.

General Yuh Sueh-chung's troops have been thrown across the railway from the east to the west, and Kwangsi's Fifth Route Army forms the north and south line west of Tingyuan, just south of the Hwai River. These two lines form a sort of two-sided box puzzle which the Japanese as yet have failed to solve.

The arrival of thousands of Szechuan troops in January stemmed the northern tide at that time, and the Kwangsi troops are now putting up the greatest battle since the Shanghai warfare, contesting every inch of Anhwei and the Yangtze. With them are the troops of General Yuh Sueh-chung, who was forced out of the governorship of Hopei in 1935 by Japanese pressure. These men are eagerly hurling themselves against the Japanese troops along the railway, seeking revenge.

A wounded colonel of General Yuh's, here in a foreign hospital, told the doctor to get him well in ten days' time so that he could go back to the front and "kill all of them."

Correspondent's Plight

I am here alone. My translator backed down at the last moment and my servant, with my warm clothing was lost in the mad rush at the Chengchow railway station, where the tallest of the city's buildings was still burning when I left.

Except for a delay of 18 hours to repair a bombed section of the track, the trip along the Lunghai railway from Chengchow was quiet and the service efficient. A soldier with whom I retreated from Pooting in September recognised me, and told me: "This time things are better, the line is more firm."

The soldiers of the First War District are wearing a new blue arm band with white characters which read: "Down with the Japanese invaders of China," and also, "Swear to Die for War Resistance."

Hsuehchow Defences

Hsuehchow can be defended from the east by using the Grand Canal which cuts east through Shantung into Kiangsu as a natural barrier; and it is also defensible along the northern sections of the Tientsin-Pukow railway, with mountains on the east and a huge group of lakes on the west. However, the country to the south of Tientsin is very flat and the junction of the borders of Shantung, Kiangsu and Honan, west of Hsuehchow, offers little protection. Hence the importance of the Chinese counter-drive on Tientsin and its environs. Its success is by no means impossible, as it is claimed there is only one Japanese division between Tientsin and Tientsin, at Yenchow.

Not Yet Moving

The Fifth Japanese Division in the mountains of western Shantung, has as yet showed no inclination to move and conditions are quiet, according to a foreigner who has just completed a motor trip from Tientsin to Hsuehchow.

Chinese military leaders here believe the Japanese will not move along the Peking-Hankow railway and won't attack Chengchow until they are able to bring supplies, ammunition and reinforcements along the Tientsin-Pukow railway. Then it will be possible to launch a simultaneous drive.

Trying To Join Lines

The Japanese are doing their utmost to join the two ends of their Tientsin-Pukow railway lines. First they knew that Chinese units had been withdrawn from the Peking-Hankow line and sent to guard the

BRITAIN PERTURBED BY EVENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE

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sadors to Berlin to approach the German Government and request information on events in Austria. The two Powers are far from being disinterested in the position of the Federal Republic.—*Reuter Special.*

NO JOINT DEMARCHE

London, Feb. 16. It is learned that there has been no question of a joint British and French demarche to Berlin. All that has been done so far as Great Britain is concerned, has been to ask for information.—*Reuter Special.*

PRETENDER'S MOVEMENTS

Brussels, Feb. 16. Archduke Otto, pretender to the Austrian Throne, has left his exile here for an unannounced destination. Before departing he received visits from several Parisian officials. He refused to comment.—*United Press.*

AMNESTY PROCLAIMED

Vienna, Feb. 16. President Miklas has signed the general amnesty. It will become effective at midnight and will free a thousand Nazi political prisoners.—*United Press.*

WORKERS SHOW RESENTMENT

Vienna, Feb. 16. Informal meetings of protest against the appointment of Herr Seyss-Inquart were held yesterday afternoon in Vienna's largest factories. Workmen participating in the meetings threatened to bring the protests home to the Government by lightening strikes, but union officials persuaded them to return to work.

It is now disclosed that Herr Seyss-Inquart's portfolio includes, in addition to Minister of Public Security, certain spheres of internal administration. He has also been appointed Federal leader of the National Political Department, which was created within the Fatherland Front after the 1935 agreement between Austria and Germany for the purpose of reconciling the Nazis and bringing them into the Front.

The reconstructed Cabinet was completed by the appointment of Dr. Matschek as Secretary of State in the Ministry of Forestry. The Secretary General of the Fatherland Front, Colonel Zernatto, has been appointed Deputy of the Front Leader, Chancellor Schuschnigg. In place of Col. Baarharenfels, whose resignation has been accepted, Dr. Rott, former Secretary of State for Social Welfare, has been appointed Federal leader of the Social Labour Community, an organisation designed to reconcile the workers.

"A GERMAN NEVER FAILS"

Speaking when he formally took office, Herr Seyss-Inquart, it is learned, said: "Keep before your eyes the fact that the authoritarian state is derived from a stronger and more rigid unit within the commonwealth. Don't forget that loyalty is the first virtue of a German man. A German executive has never failed, and never will fail. I expect every man to do his duty in the tradition of the German nation and Austrian Fatherland."—*Reuter.*

BERLIN VISIT

Vienna, Feb. 16. It is authoritatively reported that Dr. Seyss-Inquart is to depart for Berlin at 7.30 p.m.

Herr Taus, the Secretary General of the Austrian Nazi organization, who was released from prison under the amnesty to-night, has been conducted to the German frontier.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN WATCHES EVENTS

London, Feb. 16. The reconstruction of the Austrian Cabinet was raised in the House of Commons at question time to-day when Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign

Secretary, said he understood there were provisions other than those published in the press communique in the agreement reached between Herr Hitler and Chancellor Schuschnigg at Berchtesgaden.

Until full publication of the terms of the agreement, Mr. Eden said he was unable to make a statement. The British Government, however, was closely following developments, and a Labour member asked Mr. Eden whether the British Government still adhered to the joint declaration of February, 1934, reaffirming the complete independence of Austria.

Mr. Eden replied that if the question meant the Stresa Declaration, that was correct. Great Britain, France and Italy, Italy had not yet consulted the British Government on the matter.—*Reuter.*

DIFFERENCES ARISE

Vienna, Feb. 16. It is reported that new difficulties have arisen between the Austrian Nazis, Schuschnigg and the Austrian Nazis, indicating that there may be some delay in fulfilling the pro-Nazi programme.—*United Press.*

STATEMENT IN COMMONS

London, Feb. 16. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden made a statement on Austria during question time in the House of Commons to-day. In reply to questions Mr. Eden said: "I understand the working of the Austro-German Agreement of July, 1935, has for some time past been under consideration by the German and Austrian governments. A meeting was eventually held at Berchtesgaden last Saturday last between the Austrian and German Chancellors and, as a result, a new agreement has been reached between the Austrian and German Governments.

"This new agreement has not yet been published, but a communique was issued early this morning outlining what has passed, and the reorganisation of the Austrian Government has been announced in accordance, so I understand, with undertakings reached at Berchtesgaden.

"There is reason to believe that other provisions of the Agreement contain undertakings by both Governments on a variety of subjects, until the actual text of the agreement is published, I am not in a position to make any further statement.

"His Majesty's Government are meanwhile closely following developments." Mr. F. J. Bellenger, Labour member for the Basildon Division asked Mr. Eden if he would give an assurance that the Government's policy as to the preservation of the independence of Austria remained as stated on the last occasion in the House. Mr. Eden replied "So far as I recollect, what His Majesty's Government desired in Central Europe and elsewhere was peace and good understanding."

Mr. Arthur Henderson: "Do they stand by the joint declaration of 1934 to the effect that they reaffirm the interests of this country, in the integrity and independence of Austria?"

Mr. Eden: "I suppose Mr. Henderson refers to the Stresa Declaration. That is quite true. That is the declaration of three Governments—Great Britain, France and Italy. Italy has not yet consulted His Majesty's Government in this matter.—*British Wireless.*

BRITISH INTEREST

London, Feb. 16. Despatches from Vienna appear prominently in all London newspapers and the space devoted to Central European developments reflects the interest and concern with which the public is following events.

Comment in newspapers show sympathy with the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, in whose disinterest and loyalty confidence is expressed. His character and the exceptional skill with which he has steered his country through difficult times, has earned him widespread respect.

The Austrian situation was also the subject of anxious comment by speakers in the House of Lords debate on foreign affairs this evening.—*British Wireless.*

ROME IS PLEASED

Rome, Feb. 16. The changes in the Austrian Cabinet have been well received in authoritative circles here. The consolidation of Italo-German policy in central Europe was one of the expressions used.

It is further stated that the changes show determination to preserve the independence of Austria, at the same time allowing scope for the natural development of German feeling and actively inevitable in a country of Germanic stock.—*Reuter Special.*

FRANCE BITTER

Paris, Feb. 16. French diplomats are bitter at the Cabinet reconstruction in Austria. Through giving Germany a free hand in Austria, they say, Signor Mussolini has violated his pledge to uphold Austrian independence.

France, however, is powerless to take direct action. It is expected that France and Great Britain will content themselves with representations to both Berlin and Vienna.—*United Press.*

WOMAN ASPIXYIATED

Lam Yung, 20, a servant employed at No. 172 Prince Edward Road, was removed from the servants' quarters to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday. The woman was apparently killed, apparently by a bullet from a gun in the room.

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A Brahms Recital From Studio by Mrs. Sanger

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6.00 Studio—Children's Hour.
7.0 Sea Shanties.
Blow The Man Down; Tom's Gone To Hills (arr. Terry); A Dollar And A Half A Day; The Hog's Eye Man (arr. Terry); One More Day; On The Banks Of Sacramento (arr. Harris) (Baritone) . . . John Goss and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

7.10 New Mayfair Orchestra.
Selection of Bing Crosby Numbers; Polka Medley; Excuse Me, Dance; Tulip Time—Selection (Sievier and Work); "Please Teacher"—Selection (Waller and Tunbridge).

7.35 Closing Stock Quotations.
7.40 Studio—Brahms Recital by Mrs. Sanger (Soprano) accompanied by Gerald Sydney (Piano).
1. A Bird flies over the Rhine; 2. A Thought like Music; 3. Maiden Song; 4. That Night in May; 5. Serenade.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.
8.05 Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.
1.0 Close down.

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZEK on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.
8.05 Light Variety.
Orchestra w. Harry Cocktail; Waltz Medley . . . Harry Chapman (Harp) and His Music Lovers. Vocal: Rainbow On The River (from film); Flower Song (film "Rainbow on the River") . . . Bobby Breen. Orchestra—Espana—Waltz (Waldteufel); Castanet—Waltz (Richard) . . . Barnabas Von Geeszy & His Orchestra. Vocal: Elsie Carlisle Medley . . . Elsie Carlisle.

8.30 London Relay—"At The Black Dog".
Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.

8.40 The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
"Zampa"—Overture (Herold, arr. Godfrey); The Mikado—Selection (Sullivan).

9.15 London Relay—"World Affairs".
A talk by the Right Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson, G.M.C., K.N.Z.
9.30 London Relay—The News.
9.50 Piano Solos by Benno Moisewitsch.

Rondo (Hummel). Impromptu In A Flat (Chopin); Filtrations In A Chinese Garden; Rush Hour In Hong Kong (Chambers).
10.05 Schubert's Songs.
Hedge Rose (Op. 3, No. 3); Impatience ("Die Schöne Müllerin"—Op. 25, No. 7). The Erl King (Op. 1) . . . Alexander Kipnis (Bass) accomp. by Gerald Moore (Piano).
10.15 Schubert—Symphony No. 7 In D Major.

Played by The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.
11.0 Close down.

JAPANESE GIVE YEN 1,624,256 FOR NEW PANAY

Tokyo, Feb. 17. Genuine appreciation for the contributions of the Japanese people to the Americans involved in the Panay incident, was expressed by Mr. Joseph Grew, the United States Ambassador, in a letter to Prince Tokugawa, President of the American-Japanese Society, it is disclosed.

"I beg to inform you of our genuine appreciation for the sincere sympathy of the Japanese people in connection with the Panay incident. I was deeply moved by your letter of February 12 in which you informed me that 7,740 individuals and 218 organisations throughout Japan had contributed to the fund for the construction of a vessel to replace the Panay. I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a cheque for Yen 1,624,256 enclosed in your letter. Suitable use will be made of this amount.

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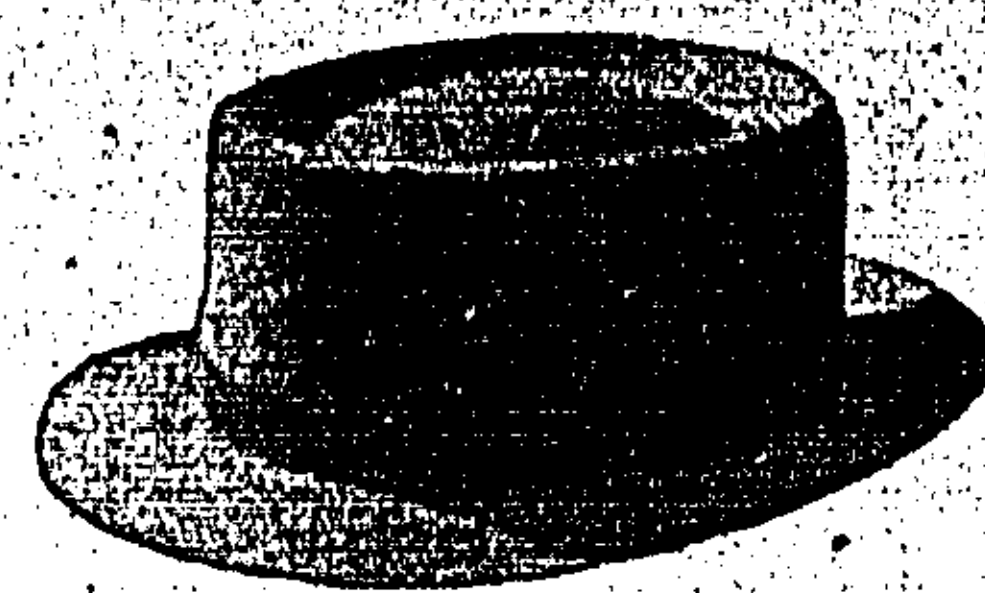
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UNDERGRADS WIN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP TIE

United Hockey Tourney Forges Ahead

Remarkable Progress
Since Its Inception
STARTED WITH ONLY
HANDFUL OF TEAMS

(By "The Pilgrim")

The wonderful progress made by the United Tournament since its inception two seasons ago has been one of the most remarkable features of hockey in the Colony during recent years. Commencing with only a handful of Service teams and the Hongkong Police, it has been carefully nursed and has blossomed forth into what it is to-day.

But for the inclusion of the Police, the Tournament might well have been called the United Services Tournament. Since then, however, many more teams have joined, including a number of civilian and regimental teams.

This season the name of the Tournament has been altered to "The United Clubs"—a wise move by the Committee inasmuch as each individual club now has power to voice its opinion at the Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association.

Since I stressed the necessity of neutral umpires a few months ago, this is now being done and the games, I notice, are becoming more popular than ever. I also advocated last season in these columns the importance of having a tournament organized by the Hongkong Hockey Association, but the Council thought otherwise; it would entail too much work.

SERVE THIS PURPOSE
The United Clubs now serve this purpose and can be called an unofficial hockey association. The United Clubs have promoted several representative games, recently named by United, namely, Services v. Civilian, and games against individual clubs outside the Tournament. The United Clubs will be sending a combined team to Macao next Sunday. International games will also be arranged within the Tournament in the very near future, the idea being to create a friendly spirit between the Civilian and the Services. They are going a step further next season whereby players will gain club standing by looking upon the U.H.C. as their Club instead of as the tournament in which they take a part. In addition, Mixed ladies and gentlemen teams will be formed

and there will also be a Junior Division for youngsters (schoolboys).

No difficulty should be experienced next season as several coaches and umpires, both Military and Civilian, are available and grounds will also be at the disposal of the Tournament.

If the Hongkong Hockey Association had functioned on similar lines as the United, the game would be in a stronger position than it already occupies now. Still, it is not too late for them to change their attitude, in my opinion.

However, it is rather doubtful if the military clubs would be willing to break away from the present system of playing now that they have settled down to it.

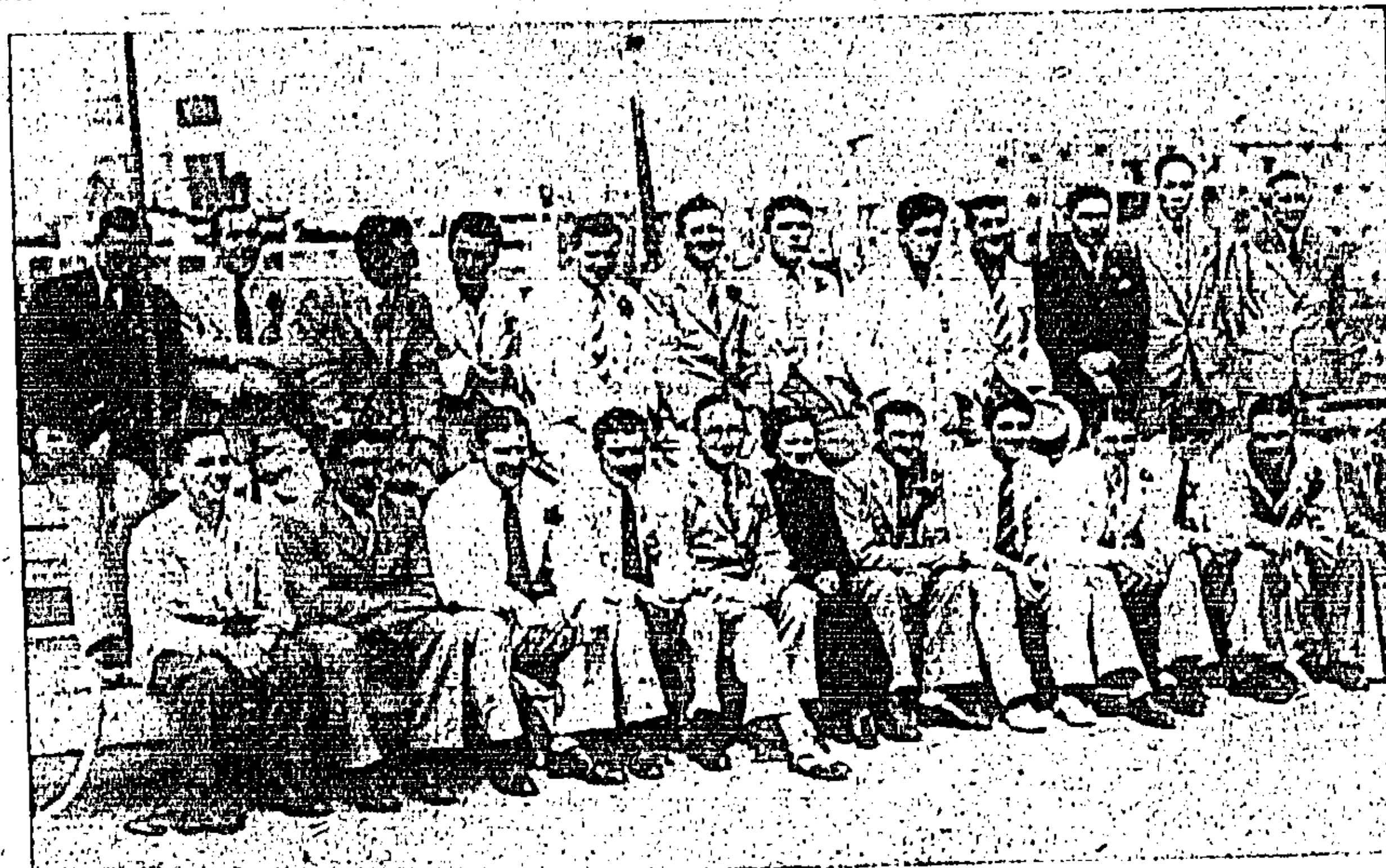
It is certainly good to see K.I.T.C., Police, Radio, C.B.A. and military players together in the same team, playing side by side in game after game. Big strides have been made since the strong Civilian and Military teams got together as a united body.

MAN BEHIND THE SCENES
Sub-Inspector L. Tyler has been the man behind the scenes and has been responsible for the formation of the U.H.C. He is always on the spot and a keen hockey enthusiast. It will be hard to find, incidentally, he is also in charge of the Police hockey teams and the work he has done has been great; it is significant that the Police have been the only team to defeat Macao to date.

I hear he is due for home leave early in April, but I sincerely hope he will postpone his departure from the Colony—at least to the end of April when the season comes to a close. It is going to be a problem to get a man to take his place. As I have remarked before, a Tournament cannot be proclaimed a success until it is all over. It is, therefore, important that Sub-Inspector Tyler stays long enough to see the U.H.C. have a successful ending, and it is in sight if he remains behind to see it through.

UNITED CLUBS' BEAT KUMAON RIFLES
Lead Three Nil At Half Time

The selectors must have been pleased with themselves when the Combined United Hockey Clubs defeated the Kumaon Rifles on the Club ground last evening by the



The Illington Corinthians, as they posed with officials of the South China Athletic Association for a group photo on board the Aramis immediately after their arrival in the Colony. Mrs. T. F. Lo, wife of the Chairman of the S.C.A.A., is seen seated in the centre, next to Mr. Tom Smith, manager of the famous touring team. (Photo: Staff Photographer).

Police Draw With Middlesex Teams Share Two Goals

(By "The Pilgrim")

On the Police Training School ground on Tuesday afternoon, an evenly-contested game was seen when the Middlesex and Police senior eleven shared two goals.

The first half was entertaining, with the soldiers enjoying the better of the exchanges. After making several good saves, Chan Kum-tai was a fraction too late in stopping a hot drive from Jackson, the Middlesex left-winger, who found the net after 20 minutes.

Grogan and Stokely, the Middlesex backs, defended well, and Sheehan and Cronin, the halves, showed good combination. Fifteen minutes after the resumption, Howlett, at inside right for the Police, equalised, going through in a fine solo move down the middle. Brown, at centre half for the Police, handled a neat match and showed splendid form. Jackson, at left-half, rendered able assistance and kept feeding his forwards continually. Mehar Singh, at right back, was also in the limelight. Narwant Singh, at centre forward seemed slow, but Howlett at inside right was impressive and made up for the ruggedness of the rest of the line.

The Police were given a hectic time during the last ten minutes of the game, but Chan relieved the situation, clearing effectively with well-timed kicks. Beadnell, Bright and Jackson were always dangerous in the soldiers' attack.

convincing margin of 7-1. They completely outplayed the Riflemen in all departments of the game.

Naraina Ram filled S. A. Fowler's position at right wing and was responsible for the first goal. After fifteen minutes' play, Dunne and Sawal Khan added the second and third in quick succession.

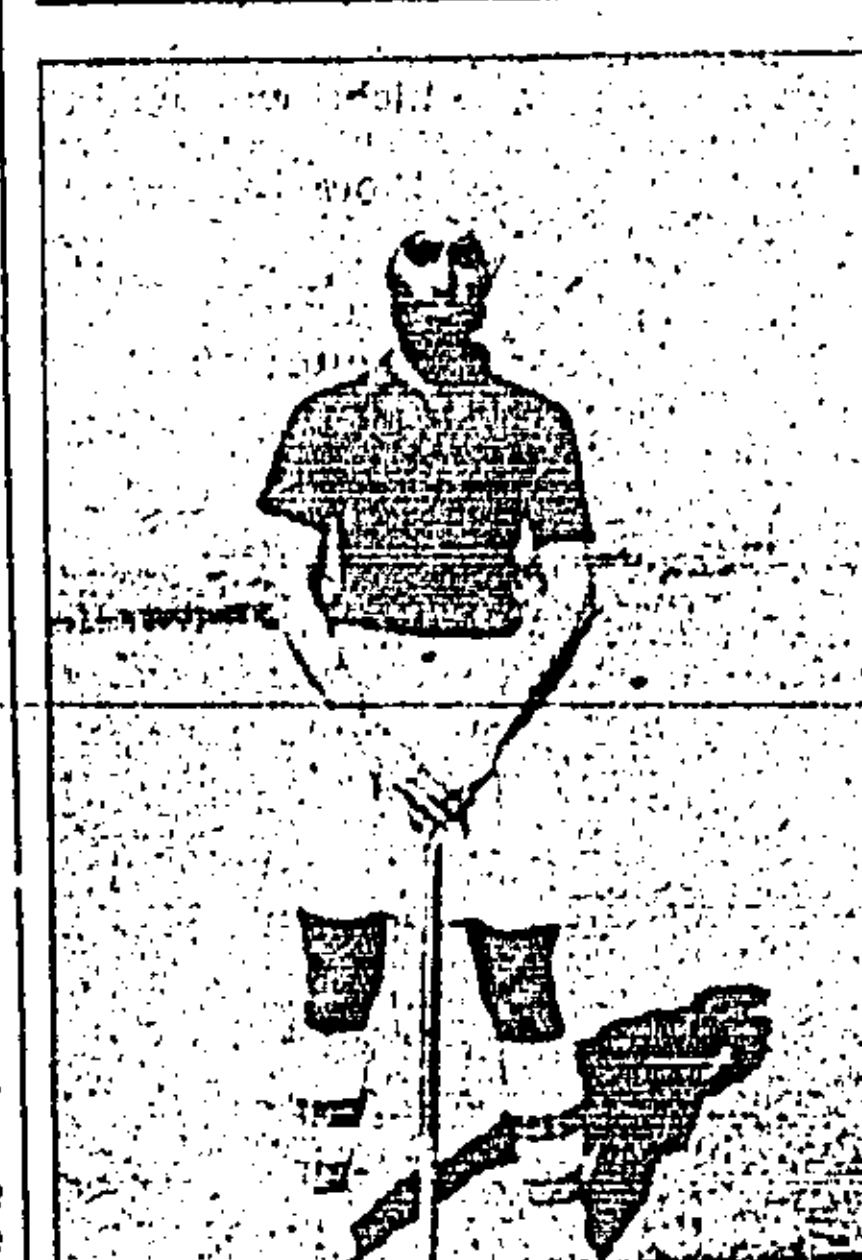
With a 3-0 lead at the interval, the United attack again got into their stride and Partauba ran in to score the fourth goal. A desperate breakthrough saw Loch, the Kumaons' centre-forward, score their solitary goal, when their inside right beat Dobson to the ball and crossed in a soft pass for the former to shoot into an empty goal. With some pretty stickwork and splendid passing moves, the Kumaons were kept well up with the forwards. Guest and Datta Ram were safe backs but were seldom called upon to defend in earnest. Dobson in goal cleared confidently and was never really tested.

The judicious use of direct contrived with the aimless clearances of the Riflemen. The only bright spot in the Kumaons' display was the magnificent leadership shown by Capt. Loch at centre forward; he, however, received poor support from the forwards. The halves played a hard game while the full backs fell away badly in the second half. The weather kept fine and play was fast throughout. The winners should give a good account of themselves when they visit Macao next Sunday.

SHOCKS IN ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOUR SENIOR TEAMS LOSE ON HOME GROUNDS

London, Feb. 16.

While no surprises were seen in the F. A. Scottish Cup re-plays to-day, there were several upsets in the First Division of the English Football League, thus making the position at the top of the table more interesting than ever.



Telok Singh, of Queen's College, is the only schoolboy in First Division hockey. He plays at inside-left for the Radio.

International Tournament Starts Soon

England And India Should Be "Seeded"

If the weather clears up, we shall soon be holding trials for the International Tournament.

England has been the champion team for two successive seasons and providing the side is correctly chosen this season, there is no reason why they should not win it for the third year in succession. Their nearest rivals this year will be India and Portugal.

The draw has not been made yet, but the International Committee would be making a wise and satisfactory move if they seed England and India and place them in separate halves. I am quite certain the other countries, Wales, Portugal, Ireland, Scotland and China will not be up to the strength of the English and Indian teams.

In order to aid the Selectors, I will now nominate players for the three strongest teams:

ENGLAND

Dobson (R.E.); Guest (Radio), Grogan (Middlesex) or Bond (Club); Brown (Police), W. A. Reed (Club); Land (R.E.); S. Fowler (Club); Divett (Club); Capt. Loch (Kumaon Rifles); Lieut. Chatterley (Middlesex) and Jackson (Middlesex) or Bond (Club).

Reserves—Benwell (Club), Taylor (C.B.A.), Jackson (Police), Bickford (Club) and Parker (Police).

INDIA

Ramzan (K.I.T.C.); Kishan Singh (H.K.S.R.A.); Ghulam Rasul (Rajpu-

In the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup, Aston Villa and Charlton again failed to arrive at a decision. On Saturday, the teams met at Charlton and shared two goals. Aston Villa were at home to-day, and each side scored twice. The score remained at a deadlock even after extra time had been played.

Tottenham Hotspurs, however, put out Chesterfield, winning by the odd goal in three.

The best performance in the second round re-plays of the Scottish Cup was by St. Bernard's, who visited King's Park and won by 4-3. Ayr United and Motherwell also won their ties.

LEAGUE SURPRISES

In the First Division of the English League, of the five matches played, four ended in victories for the visitors. The greatest upset was the defeat of the Wolves before their own supporters by Huddersfield, who won convincingly by 4-1.

Arsenal improved their position considerably as the result of their win over Manchester City by the odd goal in three. Liverpool visited Everton to win by 3-1, and Middlesbrough went to Preston N.E. to take the points by 2-0. Sunderland were the only home side to succeed, beating Brentford by the only goal scored.

Result of to-day's matches were as follows:

F.A. CUP REPLAYS (FIFTH ROUND)

Tottenham	2	Chesterfield	1
Aston Villa	2	Charlton	2

SCOTTISH CUP REPLAYS (SECOND ROUND)

Ayr U.	2	Queen's Park	1
Mo'herwell	6	St. Mir's	1
King's Park	3	St. Bernard's	4

FIRST DIVISION

Everton	1	Liverpool	3
Manchester C.	1	Arsenal	2
Wolves	1	Huddersfield	4
Preston N.E.	0	Middlesbrough	2
Sunderland	1	Brentford	0

SECOND DIVISION

Bury	3	Luton	4
Bradford	1	Fulham	2

*After extra time.

RUGBY MATCHES AT HOME

London, Feb. 16.

Two non-championship county rugby matches were played to-day: At Torquay, Devon defeated Middlesex by 9-0, and at Reading Surrey beat Berkshire by 12-11.—Reuter.

tana Rifles); M. H. Hassan (Radio); Mehru Singh (Police); M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.); Khuda Bux (H.K.S.R.A.); Sawal Khan (Rajputana Rifles); Pritham Nath (Rajputana Rifles); Fynra Singh (K.I.T.C.) and Partauba (Kumaon Rifles).

Reserves—Tara Singh (H.K.S.R.A.); Gopal Ram (Rajputana Rifles); Naraina Ram (Rajputana Rifles). (Continued on Page 9.)

BUT EXTENDED BY KOWLOON TONG PLAYERS

HIGH STANDARD REACHED IN OPENING PROGRAMME

(By "Abe")

Considering that it was only the first round, play in the Colony Badminton Championships at the Club de Recreo last evening reached a high standard. Sustained brilliance was never seen, but all the three matches played were quite interesting.

One match in the original programme was not decided. M. A. Oliveira twisted his ankle while at practice last Sunday, and he was unable to take the court with his partner, Miss M. Silva, against H. A. Alves and Mrs. A. E. Castro in the Mixed Doubles.

In the men's doubles, Norman Mackay and Albert Chan of Kowloon Tong, did very well indeed to take a game from C. K. Lee and C. O. Lee, of the University. When it is realised that the undergraduates were members of the successful University team last year, and until very recently were members of this year's side, the merit of the Kowloon Tong pair's achievement will be appreciated. Mackay and Chan made a gallant effort to bring off the unexpected, but failed badly in the third game when they were completely outplayed. At certain stages of the encounter, Mackay was head and shoulders above all the other three. He was unable to stay the pace, however, and slowed down considerably in the deciding game. When he was at his best, he scored with several beautiful cross-court drop-shots which invariably caught his opponents out of position.

Chan's play was chiefly notable for some fine recoveries, but on the whole he was too laboured in his methods to be really effective.

Both the Lees were very casual at the start, especially "C.O." who lost many points through leaving alone shots which fell well within the base-line. They shook off their lethargy in the deciding set, however, and ran into a lead of 14-1 after which the rest was easy.

SINGLES MATCHES
Two club-mates, F. Tsang and J. A. Chen, clashed in the first of the two singles matches played. The pace in which the match was contested told on both, and after Tsang had won the first set at 17-14, Chen retired.

Chen started off extremely well by taking a 6-0 lead, but his opponent fought back pluckily, and by dint of steady play won three points in a row after 14-14 had been called. Chen was obviously distressed towards the end, making no attempt to retrieve several easy shots.

By far the better of the two singles was that in which S. Y. Hon, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., defeated A. L. Fisher of the Free Lancers by 15-12 and 17-10. There was more method in the play of the two contestants, and furthermore a greater variety of strokes was revealed.

Fisher never at any time touched his best form and was often over-generalised by Hon, who played very steadily throughout. Both men apparently found the court rather too slippery, though the other players earlier in the evening had not found it so.

FISHER MISSED CHANCES
Had Fisher shown a little steadiness in the vital stages, the

match might easily have gone to the final set. He led 12-3 in the second canto, but failed to press home his advantage and did not win another point until his opponent had not only drawn level but had passed him. Hon actually led 14-12 at one time. After the game had been "drawn" Fisher again led 2-0, only to lose three points in a row to his opponent.

Hon deserved his victory; on the evening's play, he was the better-equipped of the two.

Men's Singles.—F. Tsang beat J. A. Chen 17-14 in the first game, after which the latter retired; S. Y. Hon beat A. L. Fisher 15-12, 17-10.

Men's Doubles.—C. K. Lee and C. O. Lee beat N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan 15-11, 11-15, 15-4.

PROBABLE STARTERS ANNOUNCED

Grand National Candidates

London, Feb. 16.

The following are the Grand National probables and their jockeys: Royal Mail (Thomas), Airacudas (McNeill), Drimmoreland (Williams), Cooloon (Fawcett), Pontet (Parkinson), Battleship (Burford), Royal Danieli (Moore), Dominick's Cross (Everett), Loyal Prince (Carny), Davey Jones (Mildmay), Dunhill Castle (Nicholson), Carefree (Redmond), Inverleith (Hogan), Redfreeman (Elder), De La Chance (Walwyn), Deslys (Archibald), Tak-voracha (Kallay), Don Eddman (Maitch), Daxman (Maxwell), Pro-vocative (Scratchley), What Have You (Street), Pucka Belle (Bayley), Lough Cottage (Black), Bachelor Prince (Morgan), Froblisher (Hol-land), Blue Prince (Parvin), Prompler (Bissill), Rockland (Wilson), Santa Luz (Patre), Hopeful Hero (Dawes), Underbird (Pringle), Flying Minutes (Hobbs), Brighter Cottage (O'Grady), Didoric (Brown), Stalbridge Park (Jones), Blue Shirt (Smyth), Hurdycrady Man (Strutt), Toplot (Hartigan), KDN (Gordon), Red Knight II (James), Lory Boots (Hispot), West Kent (Heyworth), and Drim (Tighe).

No jockeys have been assigned for Taponols, Pencraik and Emancipator.—Reuter.



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ISLINGTON CORINTHIANS ALL VERY FIT MANY PERSONALITIES IN THE TEAM

(By "Abe")

Tanned by a tropical sun for several months, the Islington Corinthians, who arrived in the Colony yesterday by the Aramis, all looked fighting fit when I went on board to see them. They seemed a cheery group as they lined up on the side of the ship waving greetings to those who had gathered at Kowloon Wharf to await their arrival.

THIS impression was confirmed when local officials boarded the vessel to extend to them an official welcome.

THERE are many personalities in the team. Apart from the players, there were with the team Mr. Tom Smith, the genial manager, full of optimism and an ideal leader for a tour such as the one the Islington Corinthians have embarked upon; Mr. Harry Love, the trainer of the team who looked so fit himself that he seemed one of the "boys"; Mrs. Seale, who is travelling with the team as publicity manager; and Miss M. Starr, Mr. Smith's secretary.

MR. "Pat" Clark, the rugged Scots captain of the team, is just beginning to get over a pulled muscle which kept him out of the majority of the matches in Malaya. He told me that he is hoping to play in the matches in Hongkong. He was very anxious to get into serious training again, and was one of the first to make use of the K.F.C. ground yesterday afternoon to loosen up. A well-known amateur player in the Old Country, "Pat" will show us a thing or two on full-back play if he is fit enough.

THEN there is R. P. Tarrant, the Irish international centre-forward. He has represented Ireland against England, Scotland and Wales. Though he is one of the most prolific goal-scorsers of the tour, he modestly said yesterday, in answer to a question put by one of the local Pressmen as to whether he had brought his shooting boots along, "I have left them behind in England." His achievements so far in the tour baffle this, however. Only last week against Saigon, he scored four of the Islington Corinthians' five goals.

THE only player in the side who has scored more goals than Tarrant is J. Sherwood, whose name appeared in almost every list of scorers in the matches played in Malaya. A sharp-shooting centre-forward, Sherwood is a very dangerous man whenever he gets near the goal. Hongkong players, whose greatest failing is an inability to shoot, will do well to watch him.

ALTHOUGH Ted Wingfield was considered the more experienced goal-keeper of the two when the team left England, Cyril Longman has shown such improvement that he is now just as good as his team-mate between the sticks. That his manager is of the same opinion is reflected in the fact that he has been entrusted with the task of keeping

goal in some of the most important matches of the tour.

A PART from being footballers, several members of the team are good cricketers as well. There is "Sonny" Avery, the inside forward, who is a professional of Essex County Cricket Club. He played regularly last season and did quite well. He has been re-engaged for the 1938 season and will shortly be leaving the team to return to England for the cricket season.

JOHNNY Miller, one of the best forwards of the team, was left behind in Singapore. Employed by a British film company, Miller received instructions to take newscasts of the opening of the Singapore naval base and could not, therefore, come up with the team. He will, however, catch the first French mail boat to the Colony, though he will probably be unable to get here in time for the matches. Probably their best outside left, Miller will be missed by the team and by Hongkong "fans," to whom a good outside left is a rarity.

THE Islington Corinthians are the sturdiest bunch of footballers ever to visit the Colony. They are a lot of men. They have to be; for the tour has been an extremely strenuous one so far. Their programme in Hongkong is a "holiday" compared to their Indian programme. In that country, they played 32 matches in 42 days, and in between had to travel thousands of miles! This is certainly not a tour for wanklings!

HONGKONG soccer enthusiasts should get something new when the visitors take the field.

INCREASED PROFITS

Humphreys Estate's Distributions Approved

An increase in profit of over \$19,000 for the year ended December 31, 1937, was reported by the Directors of Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Ltd., when the annual general ordinary meeting of the Company's shareholders was held in the Board-Room of the Hongkong Hotel at noon to-day.

The profit, after deducting Directors' and General Managers' remuneration, and including \$13,737.31 brought forward from the last account, amounts to \$166,489.74, which sum the directors recommended should be appropriated as follows: Pay a dividend of 5% on 200,000 shares \$100,000.00 Transfer to General Reserve 25,000.00 Transfer to typhoon and floods Insurance Reserve (Bringing same up to \$100,000.00) 1,822.85 Transfer to Building Improvement Account (Bringing same up to \$50,000.00) 7,009.48 Transfer to Special Repairs and Renewals Account (Bringing same up to \$15,000.00) 11,020.43 And carry forward 21,027.88 \$160,489.74

The recommendations were approved.

The Chairman, Mr. D. E. Clark, in his report, said that during the year work was commenced on the erection of 12 more flats in Argyle Street, amongst the improvements of which are permanent wireless aerials serving all flats, thus obviating the necessity of tenants erecting their own aerials. The new flats were already let and at the moment the demand was still unsatisfied.

At the meeting were Mr. D. E. Clark (Chairman), Mr. J. Scott Harrison, the Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnson, Mr. J. M. Alves, directors, and Mr. J. L. Quile (Secretary).

THREE SUBMARINES LAUNCHED AT HOME

London, Feb. 16. Three submarines of two different classes were launched from the Naval Construction Works of Messrs. Vickers, Armstrongs at Barrow to-day.

One was of the "T" class and will be called "H.M.S. Triumph." The other two were of the "U" class and will be named "Unity" and "Unad."

Islington Corinthians' Programme To-day

The following is the programme for the Islington Corinthians to-day:

Morning practice at Kowloon F.C. ground if desired. Leave Peninsula Hotel at 2.30 p.m. for Hongkong, sight-seeing trip round Island. Arrive at Hongkong Hotel at 5 p.m. Tea Dance at Hongkong Hotel, 5-7 p.m. Leave Hotel at 8.30 p.m. to attend Chinese theatrical performance.

International Hockey Tournament

(By "The Pillar")

(Continued from Page 8.)

Rifles, Teja Singh (Police) and Narwant Singh (Police).

PORTUGAL

Rocha (Radio); Z. Gosano (La Salle); J. Goncalves (Recrolo); T. Alves (Recrolo); J. Gosano (La Salle); R. Marques (Recrolo); A. Pina (Recrolo); A. P. Sousa (K.I.T.C.); N. Beltrao (Recrolo); J. Pinto (K.I.T.C.) and L. G. Gosano (Recrolo). Reserves—Mendonca, A. M. Rodrigues, H. L. Ozorio, A. V. Gosano and A. M. Xavier (All Recrolo).

The tournament commences early in March and hockey enthusiasts can look forward to some fast and keen games.

PRESENT STANDINGS OF TEAMS

United Clubs Tournament

SENIOR DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rajputana R.	7	6	2	2	10	5	10
H.K. Police	8	4	2	2	10	5	10
Senathorns	10	4	1	11	10	5	9
Kumaon R.	4	2	1	1	14	5	5
Middlesex	5	2	1	2	7	5	5
H.K. & S.R.A.	4	2	1	1	10	7	5
Kowloon	2	2	—	—	9	2	4
Radio S.C.	3	2	—	1	8	3	4
Central British	4	2	—	2	7	8	4
Royal Engineers	5	1	—	4	8	17	2

JUNIOR DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Royal Air Force	11	9	1	1	24	10	19
H.K. Police	10	5	3	2	22	10	13
Kumaon R.	8	5	1	1	17	2	11
Rajputana R.	7	3	2	2	10	6	8
Middlesex	8	3	2	3	20	14	8
H.K. & S.R.A.	8	3	1	2	12	8	7
University	8	2	3	3	8	14	7
Senathorns	14	3	1	10	17	30	7
R.C. of Signals	3	2	—	1	5	4	4
R. A. O. C.	9	1	1	7	7	24	3
Royal Engineers	6	—	1	5	7	15	1

NOTES OF CURRENT INTEREST

IT is a great pity Shanghai is unable to visit Hongkong for an Interport fixture this Easter as previously suggested by the northerners. A triangular Interport between Shanghai, Macao and Hongkong would have been a great attraction. Owing to several members of the Shanghai team being unable to make the trip, the visit has been cancelled.

CLUBS affiliated to the United Hockey Clubs will be pleased to hear that Col. Teversham (Rajputana



Miss J. Humphreys, former St. Andrew's right half, will not be seen in action for the rest of the season. Rifles has agreed to be Chairman of the Tournament. His successor, Capt. Gwyder-Jones, who left the Colony

ROUND-UP OF THIEVES IN WANCHAI

All Accused Had Previous Crimes On Police Record

The police in Wanchai had an active day yesterday, when eight persons were arrested and charged with various offences, six of them considered by the police as serious. A coincidence was the fact that every one of the arrested persons had previous convictions. Lao Shing, 30, unemployed; charged with cutting firewood at No. 2A Government Plantation, Wongnei-chong, was sentenced to two months' hard labour and recommended for banishment. He had two previous convictions. Chuk, 33, unemployed, charged with the unlawful possession of seven electric bulbs at Tai Yuen Street, was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour. He had a previous conviction for the same offence.

A similar sentence was imposed on Wong, 40, unemployed, who admitted the theft of a cake of soap from No. 133 Thomson Road, ground floor. He had a previous conviction.

Chau, 41, unemployed, was sent to gaol for three weeks for the theft of a foot board from the Shah Alai Garages, Canton Street. He also had a previous conviction.

With three previous convictions against him, and just out of gaol, Lo Chung, 32, unemployed, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for the theft of 10 panes of glass from a house under construction in Wanchai Road.

Pun Veung, 21, unemployed, charged with the larceny of four bundles of firewood from the back-yard of No. 67 Wanchai Road, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour on admitting the offence. He had three previous convictions. Another man, So Yee, 27, unemployed, charged with receiving two of the bundles from Pun, denied the charge, and was discharged.

Accused of the theft of two blankets valued at \$9 from No. 62 Hennessy Road, third floor, the property of an Indian police guard, Gulam Khan, Ho Wai-yin, 40, unemployed, was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour. He also admitted a further charge of returning from a period of 10 years' banishment, imposed on March 24, 1934, and was sentenced to a further six months' hard labour.

Inspector A. V. Baker prosecuted in all cases.

FANLING HUNT EVENTS

The Steeplechase Meeting of the Fanling Hunt, which was postponed owing to weather on Sunday, February 13, will be held on Sunday, February 20.

The Meet of the Hounds arranged for Sunday, February 20, will now be held on Sunday, February 27, and the Meet at Kitten Hill, arranged for that day, is cancelled.

STATESMAN TO SPEAK HERE

Dr. Lo Wen-kan, China's former Minister of Justice, Minister of Finance, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Special envoy to investigate the diplomatic situation in Sinkiang and the present High Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will speak to the members of the University Union on Friday, February 18 at 4.15 p.m. in the Great Hall of the University. All interested are welcome.

last Friday. MISS Yvonne Ho, St. Andrew's inside-right, has fully recovered from her hand injury and will be appearing for her team in a Brawn Cup fixture against the "Y" Ladies this afternoon.

SINCE the departure of Capt. G.W.P. Kimm, former Chairman of the Manak Hockey Tournament, very little progress has been made in the League. Clubs are reminded to complete their fixtures before the middle of April if possible.

FOR the first time in the history of hockey in this colony, a combined tournament team is being sent to Macao. The team will represent the United Hockey Clubs and will leave on Sunday morning, weather permitting. Macao should witness one of the best games played there this season.

OWING to bad weather, no games were played in the Ladies' Caer Clark Cup and Brawn Cup Leagues last Saturday. The following are fixtures for Saturday:

CAER CLARK CUP

C.B.A. v. H.K. Ladies (C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)

BRAWN CUP

Recrolo v. St. Andrew's (Sham-shuipo, 3 p.m.)

C.B.S. "B" v. C.B.A. (C.B.S. ground, 3 p.m.)

C.B.S. "A" v. "Y" Ladies ("Y" ground, 3 p.m.)

THIS afternoon at 5 p.m. on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park, the "Y" Ladies and St. Andrew's will meet in a Brawn Cup fixture.

MISS Margaret Bloomfield, sister of Esther and Deb, the two well-known Shanghai Interporters, is at present in the Colony and is residing at the Helena May Institute. She is a splendid half-back and has, believe it or not, been transferred to Hongkong.

Ambassador Visits H.K.

Will Call On Many Chinese Residents But Not Officially

"My visit to Hongkong has no political significance whatever. I am merely taking a holiday, the first I have had since I took up my appointment in China," said His Excellency the Italian Ambassador to China, Signor Giuliano Cora, in an exclusive interview this morning.

His Excellency arrived on board the Lloyd Triestino liner Victoria from Shanghai. Questioned regarding rumours that his visit was connected with a claim by Italy for indemnity regarding the termination of the contract of the Italian Aviation Mission to China, His Excellency said that as far as he was aware there was no likelihood of such a claim being put forward. The issue would be liquidated in the normal manner.

His Excellency declined to discuss the situation in China, but added that while in the Colony he intended seeing Mr. T. V. Soong, Mr. O. K. Yui, former Mayor of Shanghai, and other prominent Chinese, emphasising that his calls on them would be informal and for the purpose of renewing former friendships.

He welcomed the simultaneous arrival in the Colony of the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr and the opportunity thus afforded of meeting him. The Italian Ambassador will be a guest at dinner of His Excellency the Governor at Government House this evening. Signor Cora returns to Shanghai on February 25 on the Conte Verde.

QUARANTINE AGAINST H.K.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by the Government of Formosa against arrivals from Hongkong on account of smallpox.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1938. 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 26th February, 1938.

On Saturday 19th, Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February, the first race will be run at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 20th February, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The time interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for all cheques, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27704) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, Tel. 21920.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No animals will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, T.C. men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1938.

KWANTI RACES

Postponed Steeplechase Meeting will be held on Sunday, 20th February, 1938.

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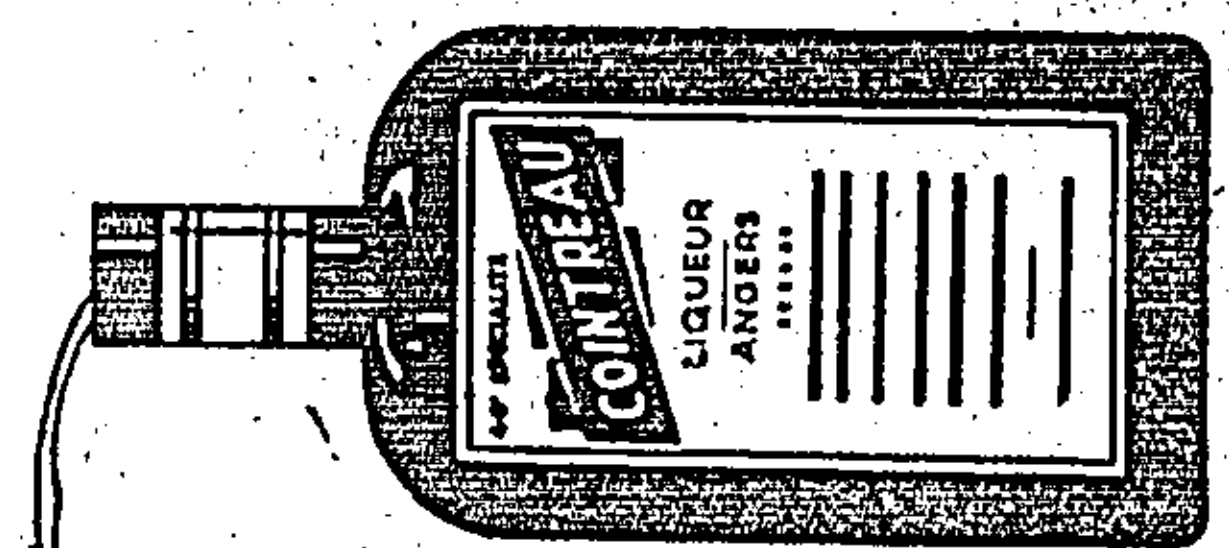
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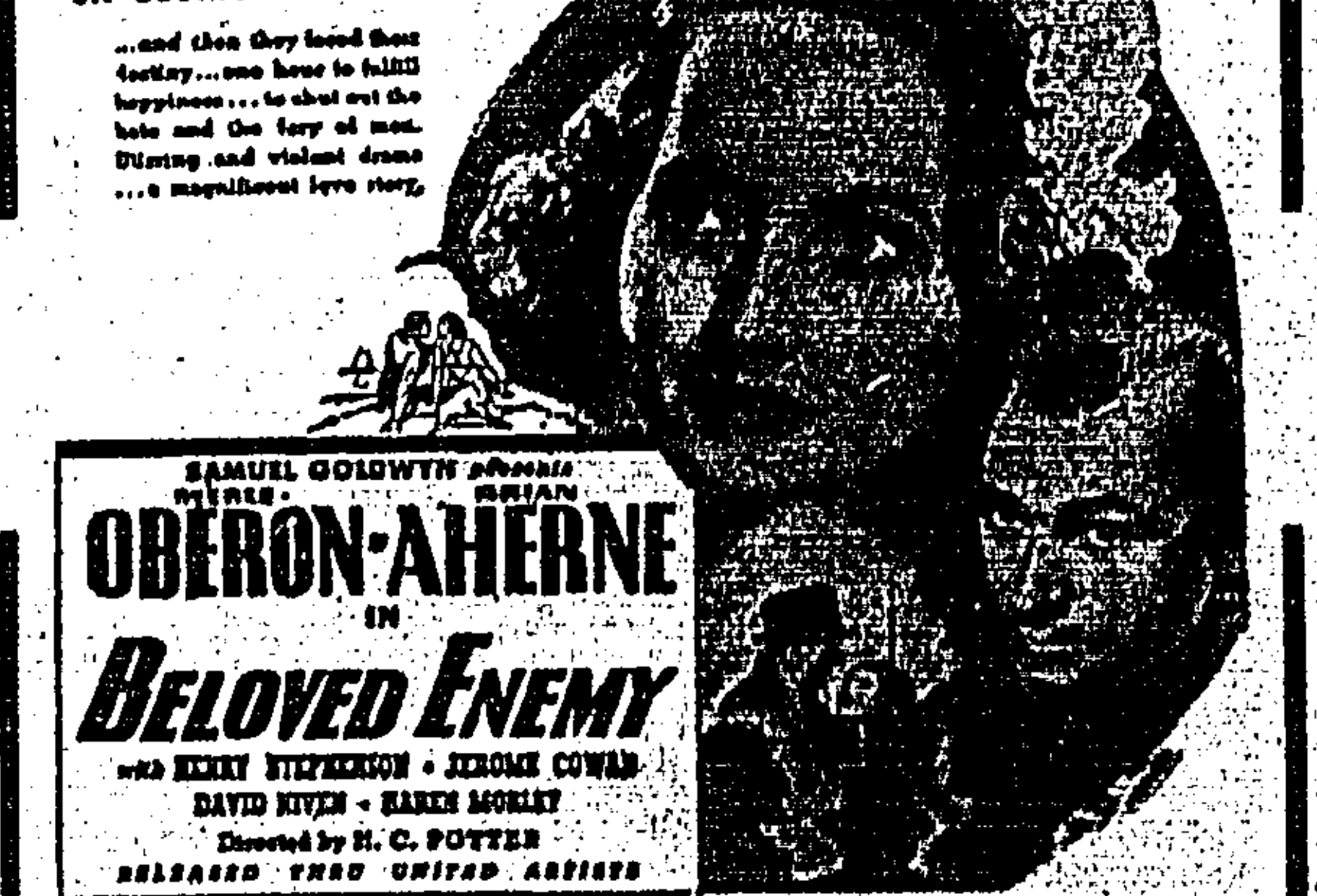


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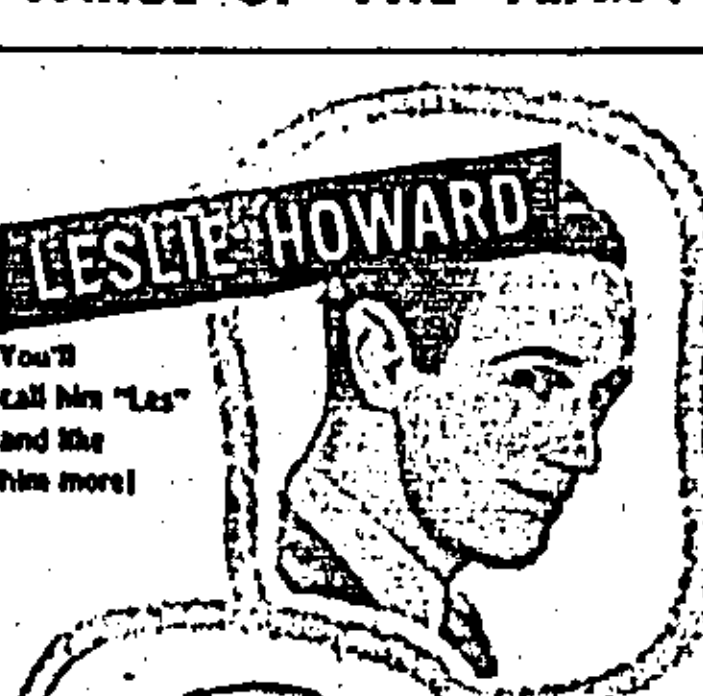
RUMANIA KEEPS
HER FRIENDS

Bucharest Feb. 17. Friendship with all support of collective security within the League of Nations and no interference with her own borders were the points stressed as basic in Rumania's announcement of foreign policy delivered by the Foreign Minister to-day. In a statement to the press, M. Tataru paid a warm tribute to Great Britain's efforts to keep peace and also emphasised that recent internal changes in Rumania did not portend any change in foreign policy. —Reuter Special.

TROTSKY'S SON
DIES IN PARIS

Paris, Feb. 16. The death is reported of Leon Sedov, M. Trotsky's son.—United Press.
BURNED BY BOILING TAP
Burns caused through boiling tap spilling on him at the Hume Pipe Factory yesterday were suffered by Lo Tung, 46, a workman, who was taken to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

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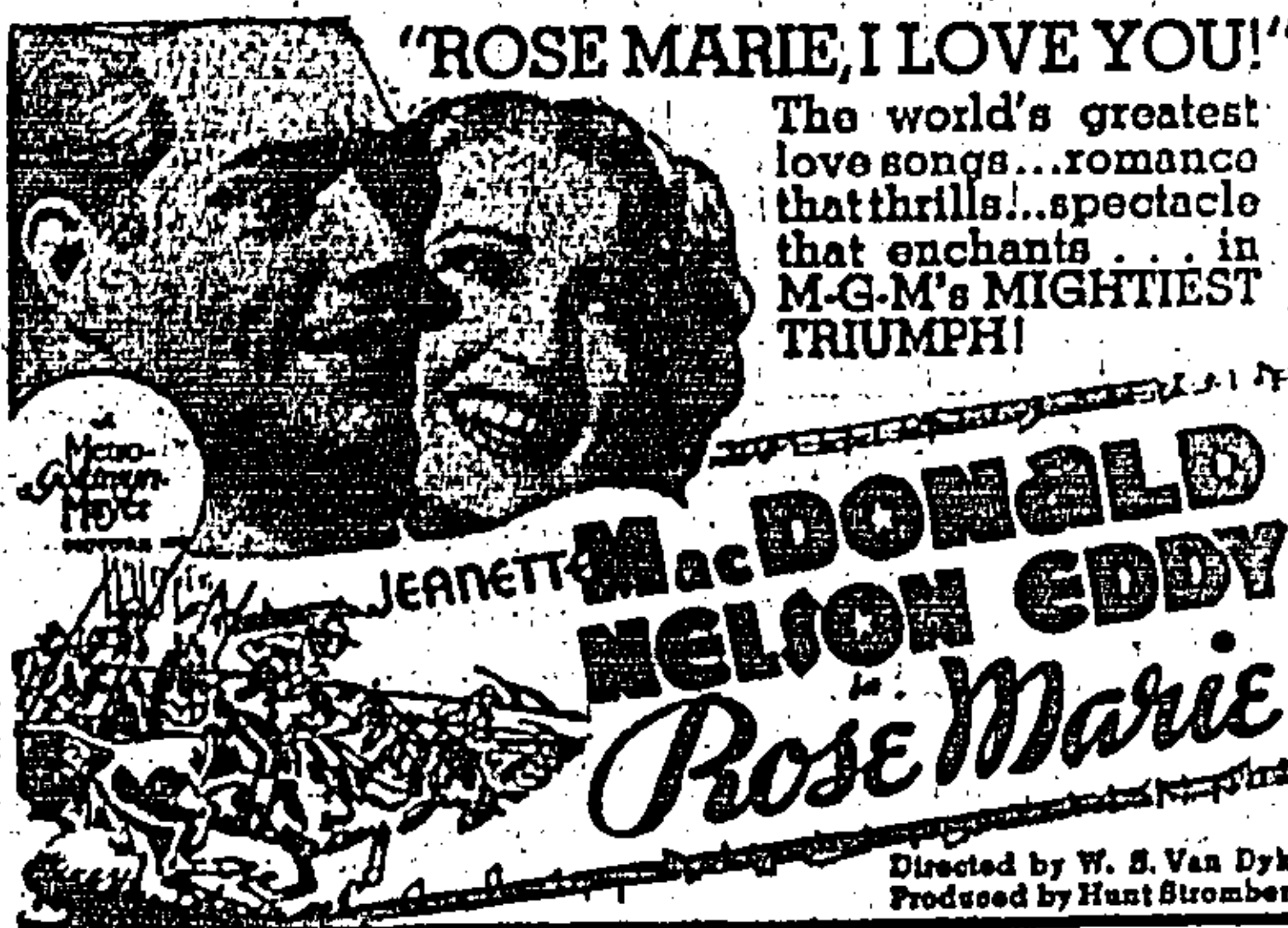
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AUSTRIAN COUP HITS MARKET

London, Feb. 17. With the latest European political developments super-imposed, the stock exchange, already listless, saw values generally marked down today. The main sufferers were Austrian bonds.

Industrials met with selling pressure and gilt-edged securities and home rails also weakened. Foreign exchanges continued in a listless state, with the rate of the dollar, especially from the Continent, and the rate declined to 8.037 compared with 8.0270 last night. The franc weakened to 153.15 but recovered briskly following official support, closing at 152.70.—*Reuter Special.*

Ex-Member of H.K. Police Lay Still For 20 Years

BODY SHATTERED,
HE DIED SLOW
DEATH IN HOSPITAL

THE day before Frank Hair died—after living for twenty years on his back with a fractured spine—he joked to his nurse: "I haven't fed the birds to-day. The little blighters will think I've forgotten all about them."

An hour before he died Hair smiled to the matron and said brightly: "Good night, matron, God bless you." That was just the cheerful way they expected Hair to go—Hair, the man who never lost his cheerfulness, never complained from that day in France in 1917 when as a six-foot-three sergeant in the Royal Garrison Artillery a shell explosion shattered his fine body and doomed him to a life of helplessness, says the *Sunday Express*.

A Putney man, and formerly in the Hongkong police, Hair was then thirty years old. He was sent to the Queen Alexandra Hospital Home for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors at Roehampton.

The home was moved to Gifford House, Worthing, in 1933. It was there that Hair died this month.

His neck broken, the upper half of his body paralysed, he had never been able to move off his back since that day in France.

HE STUCK IT
Like other permanently disabled ex-service men, Hair went through a period of intense depression a few years after the war when the tragic realisation came that he would never be able to leave hospital.

But even then Hair's courage did not desert him. As the years wore on, though they brought periods of great bodily suffering, he conquered his mental anguish.

To others he gave the impression that he was always clinging to the hope of recovery, and so well did he live the part of a happy man that it almost seemed that he himself must have believed it.

At Roehampton, he had a hut among the trees in the grounds of the home, and here he tamed birds and squirrels to feed from his bedside or even from his hand.

The matron told a *Sunday Express* representative: "Two squirrels used to run up and down come fir trees which he could see from his bed."

TAPPED AT HIS WINDOW
"He began by throwing bread and meat to the foot of the trees. He gradually shortened the distance until the squirrels would creep into his hut and even steal the food he had prepared for the birds."

"He used to have a lot of fun watching their acrobatics on the string as they pecked their way through the shells."

His FRIENDS
Mr. Hair's sunhouse faces our back gate and he would give a cheery smile and a wave of the hand to regular passers-by. Many of them soon became his fast friends and would come and talk to him for hours.

"That was one great reason for his cheerfulness. He was always so ready to make friends. The greatest comfort to him was his only son. From his bed he has watched him grow from a tiny tot who brought his toys to play in the hut to a young man just starting out on a career."

In the last few years Hair knew he was dying. He had a little prayer-book that was almost worn to pieces through his constant reading.

BRITISH CONSULATE CLOSED AT LENINGRAD

London, Feb. 16. It is officially announced that the British Consulate in Leningrad is being closed down.

The effect is that there will be no British Consulates in Soviet Russia in future.

How cases of applications for travel in the United Kingdom and the British Empire will be dealt with in future is under consideration, but no decision has been reached.

The British Government has permitted the Consular Department of the Soviet Embassy in London to deal with consular work that may be required, but there has never been a Soviet Consulate-General in the United Kingdom.

The closing of the Leningrad Consulate follows an intimation by the Soviet Government of its wish to regulate consular relations in future on a basis of reciprocity—a principle the British Government was unable to recognise as applicable to consular representation.—*British Wireless.*

SHOOT HIMSELF WITH RIFLE

Shanghai, Feb. 17. John A. Young, 25, U.S. Marine, of Los Angeles, California, committed suicide this morning with a rifle. The motive is unknown.—*United Press.*

Mal-Nutrition In British Colonies

COMMITTEE STUDIES
REPORTS

London, Feb. 16.

Interesting details of the progress in the Colonial Empire of the study of nutritional problems affecting those areas were given in the House of Commons to-day by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Ormsby Gore.

Mr. Ormsby Gore said a circular despatch to all Colonial dependencies of April, 1936, had aroused great interest in the subject of nutrition throughout the Colonial Empire, and not least in the West Indies.

He had received copies of the reports by special committees set up in Trinidad, Jamaica, Barbados and British Guiana, a lengthy and informative report from British Honduras had just been received and would be published shortly. In addition, many useful memoranda had been sent in from the smaller islands, notably Saint Vincent.

All these papers had been laid before the expert committee of the Economic Advisory Council, which had been appointed to advise on nutrition matters in the Colonial Empire, and he understood the committee was preparing a summary of all replies from Colonial dependencies for publication with a covering report.

"Meanwhile, practical steps are being taken in the West Indies, as elsewhere, to improve nutrition by increased attention to infant welfare and the feeding of school children by teaching of Domestic Science, by encouraging the growth of green vegetables, etc."

The Legislature of Barbados, for instance, had recently authorised the expenditure of £4,500 to inaugurate a new scheme for the provision of milk to school children.—*British Wireless.*

DEFEND NAVAL POLICIES

Tokyo Press Blames
Other Powers For
Armament Race

Tokyo, Feb. 17.

If Great Britain and the United States agree to naval parity with Japan, the latter will have no objections to either disarmament, or the convocation of a disarmament conference, the *well-known* *Journal Hochi* said today.

The editorial in this journal is one of a large number of articles in the Japanese press, devoted to the current naval shipbuilding race.

Hochi says: "We cannot be but surprised by the cunning displayed by British diplomats in fixing the responsibility for the current naval expansion solely on Japan, concealing Britain's own ambitions."

Seeing inconsistency in the attitude of the United States, Hochi asserts that the failure of disarmament talks in the past has always been caused by America's "Bigger Navy" principle.

The influential *Asahi* urges Britain and the United States to reconsider their disarmament formula and pay more attention to Japan's "actual power."

"It is a matter of deep displeasure to note that Great Britain, France and the United States are utilizing Japan's replies to their Notes to rationalise their own naval expansion," *Asahi* states.

"In our opinion the current naval race has been motivated by Great Britain's present programme of naval expansion."—*Reuter.*

American Marines Leave Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 17.

Thirteen hundred members of the sixth Corps of the U. S. Marines sailed for Manila to-day. Colonel Beaumont proceeded down the river to join the transport, Chaumont, which will sail to-morrow.

Admiral Yarnell and the French and Italian commanders farewelled the Corps.

Admiral D. Okhali, commander of the Japanese Special Landing Party, who represented Admiral Hasegawa, arrived several minutes after the transport sailed. As a result no Japanese officials were present to farewell Colonel Beaumont.—*United Press.*

LABOUR WINS BY ELECTION

London, Feb. 17.

The by-election at Ipswich, caused by Sir John Tennant's elevation to the Peerage, resulted in a win for Labour. Mr. R. B. Stokes, polling 27,004 and Mr. H. U. Willink, National Conservative, 24,445.—*Reuter.*

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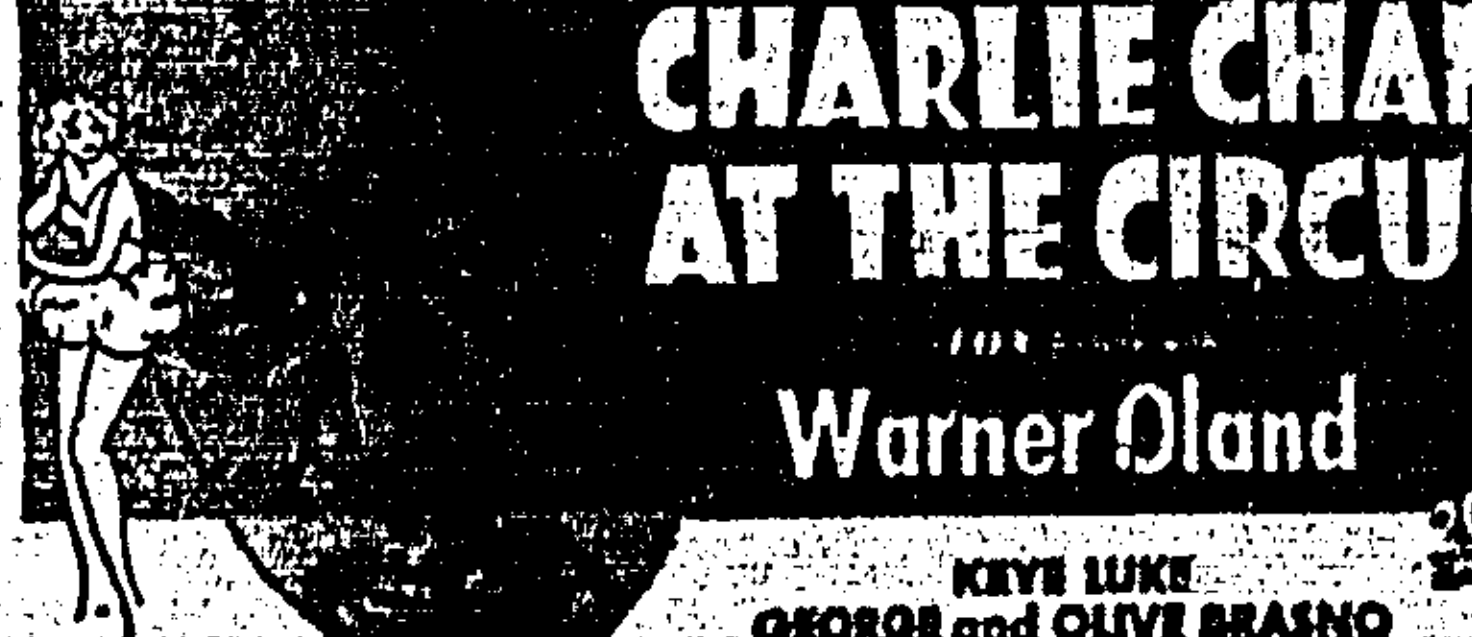
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